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Moslem and Christian...
By DOROTHY THOMPSON

Methodist Family of the Year Four pages of pictures

The Midmonth Magazine for Methodist Families November 1958

Thanks—From a Child's Heart...

AS THANKSGIVING approaches, youngsters are busy decorating schoolrooms with drawings of turkeys, pumpkins, cornucopias, Indians, and Pilgrims. No theme in American history seems to fire a child's imagination like the story of Thanksgiving.

No wonder the response was so tremendous when we asked TOGETHER's young artists to send us their original Thanksgiving drawings! Little Beverly Cale of Homestead, Pa., in her drawing at right, depicts gratitude for our first Thanksgiving. Others (see pages 35-42 for a sampling) found hundreds of ways to express their own thankfulness to God.

Actually, our first Thanksgiving was a harvest festival at Plymouth Colony away back in October, 1621. There our first settlers thanked God for seeing them through the arduous winter and for the harvest at hand. Friendly Indians joined them, as Beverly shows. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first national day of thanks; today Thanksgiving is one of this nation's most meaningful observances.

I AM THANKFUL BECAUSE THANKSGIVING IS A REMINDER FOR US TO BE THANKFUL FOR EVERYTHING GOD HAS GIVEN US.

BEVERLY CALE AGE 9
718 Commonwealth Ave. Homestead, Pa.
OTHE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF DUQUESNE.

Raymond W. O. Knowles took this reverent photograph.

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble, free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King. Amen.

Photographers, We Invite You

to help picture *America* for TOGETHER's readers. No matter where you learned the words of this beloved hymn—in school, in church, or at your mother's knee—we know they have their own special meaning for you. It's this meaning we want your camera to interpret in color. What do you see when you hear, "I love thy rocks and rills" or "Thy woods and templed hills"? What pictures do other stirring phrases from our country's favorite song flash to your mind? In past months, TOGETHER has carried other great color pictorials from readers' photos—*The Christian Family at Work, Play, Love, and Worship* last May and *America the Beautiful* in August, 1957. The latter feature won TOGETHER an honor award from the Freedoms Foundation.

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Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thine? Dost thou love and serve God? It is enough. I give thee the right hand of fellowship.

—John Wesley (1703-1791)

SINCE TOGETHER isn't edited in an ivory tower, we rejoiced recently when our door opened to admit a smiling, sun-tanned man who announced himself as the Rev. Joseph Szczepkowski (first three letters silent), general superintendent of the Polish Methodist Church, Warsaw, Poland. Methodism's work started there after World War I under the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and now has 15,000 adherents. Its best-known project is an English-language college in Warsaw, housed in a nine-story, Methodist-owned building. Mr. Szczepkowski told us some 6,000 students now are enrolled —and it is completely self-supporting!

We made notes during that pleasant visit and we scribbled again when a delegation of 110 supply pastors from Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., dropped in. There are some 6,000 of these devout men in Methodism. They include businessmen, mechanics, farmers, teachers—and five retired generals! Soon we hope to share their story with you.

The world was the loser when Dorothy Thompson decided, after the death of her husband, to discontinue her syndicated newspaper column. We hope she will devote more time to articles such as *Moslem and Christian Can Be Friends* on page 18. Reared in a Methodist parsonage, she is an alumna of Methodist-related Syracuse University.

If you liked Mrs. Suné Richards' portraits of *The Twelve Disciples* [October, 1957, pages 34-46], watch for her *Women of the Bible* in full color next month . . . Carl Sandburg's poem, *Waiting for the Chariot* (page 27), ices the cake for Webb Garrison's story on Peter Cartwright, giant among pioneer preachers. Sandburg, one of our most imposing literary figures, grew up in southern Illinois, where the impact of Cartwright's extraordinary evangelism is felt unto this day.

Our cover shows the James Detweiler family of Burbank, Calif., the Methodist Family of the Year, with Pastor Randall Phillips. Some call that church "the church Jim Detweiler built." That's not exactly true, but while it was a-building Jim left work each day at noon to eat his lunch there. Evenings, he'd stop by to check on progress. You'll meet this outstanding family in pictures on pages 14-17. —YOUR EDITORS

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Selected Bits from Your Letters

Not for the Trash Can . . .

EDITH M. QUICK
DeLand, Fla.

It seems like a sacrilege to consign a used copy of TOGETHER to the fireplace or trash can, so I address mine to some institution overseas (listed by Magazines for Friendship), knowing that among world neighbors it will represent us at our best.

Perhaps other readers will be interested in learning about Magazines for Friendship, which may be addressed at Occidental College, Los Angeles 41, Calif.—EDS.

Farm Surpluses Are Needed!

MRS. FLOYD WALDO
Winona, Minn.

In commenting on *What's Ahead for Farmers?* [August, page 29], I believe that the present trend toward corporate farming is disturbing to everyone who cherishes the family farm as the root of our free society.

Charles Shuman speaks of being "burdened with surpluses." Is that a Christian attitude when so many people are in need? Is it possible to raise just enough? Did anyone ever raise just the right amount of vegetables in the family garden or did a homemaker ever cook or can just the right amount for her family and guests?

As a nation we need surplus food to make sure that our citizens have adequate supplies even during crop failures and other disasters. Therefore, the cost of buying and sorting surpluses should be shared by everyone.

Along with other local groups, the church can take an active interest in the disparities that the surpluses of modern technology have created. Generating better public understanding would be the first step, it seems.

5-Point Plan for Rural Churches

S. BEN FINLEY, *Pastor*
The Church of the Friendly Farmers
Winfield, Kan.

What's Ahead for Farmers? was most interesting, as were the accompanying comments by Bishop Voigt, Mr. Nunn, and Dr. Fisher.

I live in the heart of agricultural production from the dirt side. What was said about the increase of the acreages of the farm is true. It takes more land to pay the overhead. Likewise, the better the farmer, in management and marketing, the more land he can farm.

The Methodist Church should start a program whereby a qualified minister, with a rural background and a willingness to work there, can stay in a promising pastorate long enough to establish a program that will satisfy the five phases of human behavior: (1) spiritual, (2) intellectual, (3) social, (4) physical, and (5) outreach.

On Her 'Must Read' List

JULIA ANN FOSS
Tacoma, Wash.

I thank you for your fine magazine. I have certainly never found anything in it objectionable, particularly not the covers. As a college student, I supposedly do not have a lot of spare time, but TOGETHER is always on my 'must read' list. Keep up the good work and I'll sure order my own subscription when I can no longer read my parents' copy.

British Tars Visit Casa Materna

E. ROWTON-LEE, *Chaplain*
HMS Ark Royal
London, England

During a recent call at the port of Naples, *HMS Ark Royal* "discovered" the Methodist Children's Home of Casa Materna [*Casa Materna: Home for Naples 'Bambinos,'* August, page 63]. Each day officers and men visited the home. The ship's band volunteered two concerts and the children were thrilled.

On Sunday we had the joy of receiving the Casa Materna children's choir on board and they reverently and beautifully led our praise. From the moment that they began to sing the Lord's Prayer they won all our hearts.

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departure of Ark Royal. Janet and Theresa were on the roof and all the children were hanging out of their classroom windows for a last glimpse of our friends."

It's Shore Peaceful Out Here . . .

H. H. HUGHES, *Pastor*
Astoria, Ill.

'Twas right neighborly of a Big-City Minister like the Rev. Wesley D. Osborne to tell the world about us rural folks [*It's So Peaceful in the Country,* July, page 22]. Would be nice after he got caught up on his vacations and lobster fishing in Maine to visit America sometime. Course it's big, covers lots of ground—the rural part, I mean.

Better make it soon; nice spots are about all spoke for. Everybody that ever saw the country is saving to get back, and those with brains and cash enough already have a rural home.

Yes, you might say we have problems —for after we feed the cities and give away all we can to the world, we can't find room for the abundance left over. Then we always have had to train up the leadership to keep the urban churches going—both laymen and ministers. Maybe he knows Ralph W. Sockman. They tell me he's making right good as one of us rural-church boys. You'll find them everywhere.

Sometime, I suggest people read up on this word *rural.* It takes in everything in America less than 2,500 population. That means 75 per cent of all the self-supporting, missionary-minded churches—the very big foundation of Methodism.

Yes, it shore is peaceful out here in the country. . . .

John Smith: A Remembered Man

LAWRENCE SHERWOOD, *Pastor*
Glenville, W.Va.

In the *Methodist Almanack* [July, page 68] is the notation that on July 22, 1788, "Asbury ordains Michael Leard . . . first ordination west of Alleghenies."

Rehoboth Church: Still stands.

This has been the generally accepted "first ordination west of the Alleghenies." However, in the research for the new annotated *Journals and Letters of Francis Asbury,* now being published, it was discovered that there was such an ordination before Leard.

The Rev. John Smith was on the Greenbrier, (West) Virginia Circuit, 1787-88. His manuscript *Journal* for this time is at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. This *Journal* testifies to the fact that John Smith was the subject of the first ordination west of the Alleghenies, said ordination taking place in Rehoboth Church, near Union, Monroe County, West Virginia. Rehoboth Church is still standing.

This information rewrites a footnote to Methodist history. Rehoboth Methodist Church was built in 1785, largely through efforts of Edward Keenan, who gave five acres for "as long as grass grows and water flows." The cut shows the building as it was; today it has a protective superstructure.—EDS.

Three Fingers Up for Him!

T. DWIGHT PARROTT
Columbia, S.C.

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nd *In the Smokies Along the Asbury rail* in August TOGETHER. I thrill be-ause I planted the idea that the Asbury rail be recognized by the National ouncil of the Boy Scouts of America, :st, in the mind and heart of Dr. Elmer Clark, executive secretary of the ssociation of Methodist Historical So-eties, then, in the minds and hearts of :out executives.

A three-fingered salute to Mr. Par-ott (now a pre-ministerial student at e University of South Carolina) for ading the first team of Explorer :outs on the 23-mile trail. The historic ek was made May 16, 1953.—EDS.

alilee to Gauley Mountain

J. BOYD DAVIS
Columbus, Ohio

Live or Die, I Must Ride! [August, ıge 32] was most inspiring. It reminds e of a small book by Louise McNeill ıat contains a short poem entitled, *rancis Asbury, Circuit Rider,* the first ıes of which are:

e rides his turn upon that lengthened track
irst foot-marked on the hills of Galilee,
oad from Damascus, road from Cal-vary . . .
horsepath over Gauley mountain's back.

ler Scrapbook Will Be Ready

MRS. C. J. NIEDERT
Waterloo, Iowa

Thanks for the *Together With the mall Fry* page. I find the stories, verses, nd prayers excellent. Our little girl too small to enjoy them now, but have clipped them all and put them ı a scrapbook for her future reading.

'ickles and Peaches Waited

MRS. LOREN ROSS
Muncie, Ind.

Thank you for sending us our friend f many years, our church publication –the old *Christian Advocate* under its ew name, TOGETHER. It is so welcome! Please excuse this hastily written ote. I am 81 and have a little ironing ɔ finish—pickles and peaches to can, nd I have to race the mailman to do his. But I wanted you to know we are etting our TOGETHER.

n Defense of J. Edgar Hoover

EDWARD P. MURRAY
Tucson, Ariz.

I was astounded at Mark Chamberlin's etter [August, page 3]. To lump to-ether J. Edgar Hoover and Senator McCarthy (whom Mr. Chamberlin eems to use to stand for the various xtremes that developed) is wrong. Whatever one may think of the late Senator McCarthy, Mr. Hoover is a

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She Wishes for 'Magic Screen'

MRS. R. R. REED
Alpine, Tex.

Regarding Dwight Ludwig's remarks in his letter [June, page 3] about the divided chancel and his exaggerated notion about the choir:

I, too, have been singing in choirs for some years, am a soloist (of which I am not proud), and a choir director. I not only feel that a choir should be inconspicuous, but have often wished for a magic screen through which the choir could see but not be seen. Too many choirs and directors get the notion that they are on exhibition. Will they never realize that their function is as an aid to worship, and only that?

Is Steering Wheel a Crutch?

JACK P. THACKER
Minister of Music
First Methodist Church
Warren, Ohio

As a choir director who "beats time" in front of the congregation, I feel compelled to reply to William C. McCulloch's letter [June, page 3].

I cannot imagine a choir director visibly directing the hymns and anthems purely for the sake of being seen, any more than I believe the preaching minister might use gesticulations for such a vain purpose. Nor do I think this time beating is a crutch, any more than is the steering wheel of an automobile a crutch to a driver. Without the steering wheel, chance is you only hope your car will go where you wish it to go.

Many thanks to TOGETHER for a wonderful family medium and the opportunity to give expression of opinions in friendly Christian discussion.

Hitchhikers Help, Too

RON STONE, *Morningside College*
Sioux City, Iowa

It may interest Mr. Daniels [*Don't Get 'Thumbed' Into Trouble*, July, page 30] to know that I've hitchhiked 11,000 miles without being accused of even one crime. My record is similar to that of dozens of other young men at Morningside who think their finances should go toward education rather than to paying for an automobile.

Conferences, State MSM [Methodist Student Movement] Council meetings, and trips home are possible to thousands of students only because of the generosity of many drivers. Salesmen, truckers and people traveling alone are many times kept awake by hitchhikers picked up as traveling companions. In my opinion the helpful deeds done by hitchhikers—the changing of tires, warning of danger, and the provision of interesting company—are much more numerous than the isolated deeds of violence that Mr. Daniels chose to prove his point.

Correction on Alaska!

JOHN A. McNEES, JR., *Senator*
Alaska Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

As a consistent reader and a subscriber to your very fine magazine, TOGETHER and a lifetime Methodist, I find I have to take exception to one statement.

The last paragraph of the news story *Methodists Help Shape Future of 49th State* [August, page 70], begins: "Although Alaskan aborigines are largely unchristianized . . ." Where your writer got his information, I cannot imagine.

From one end of Alaska to the other you will find the influence of the various mission groups in Alaska is strong among the Alaskan Indians, Aleuts, and Eskimos. Wherever there is a village, even a very small one, you will find one of the mission groups active and interested among the native peoples of Alaska. Not only that, you will find that this has been true since the earliest history of Alaska, whether during the time of the Russians or since Alaska's purchase in 1867 by the United States.

Apologies! Maybe we can even the score by a fine color pictorial, Methodism's Stake in the Newest State *which will show up in the January issue.*—EDS.

What Young Mothers Today Miss

MRS. SOPHIA BENNER
St. Louis, Mo.

I was glad to read *Country Deaconess* [August, page 25]. Back in 1914, Trinity Church of St. Louis had a deaconess, Miss Carrie Mann. She wore a black dress and a little black bonnet with a white tie.

I was in my early 20s. What a comfort she was when she called in my home. I would tell her all my troubles and she would say, "Mrs. Benner, let's up pray about it." I only wish the young mothers of today could have a deaconess who would come to their homes and pray with them.

Diorama: 'Bro. Van' in Saloon

JOEL F. OVERHOLSER
Fort Benton, Mont.

The article, *Saint in Stirrups* [July, page 18] by Paul Friggens, about the Rev. William Wesley Van Orsdel was

read with great interest here. In Fort Benton's museum is a diorama honoring the memory of Brother Van.

It was adapted directly from a 1954 pageant which included as one scene Brother Van's first service in Montana on June 30, 1872. Some claim the Four Deuces saloon in which Methodism's most loved Montana minister reputedly held his initial service never existed, but the late Vernon E. Lewis, long a pillar of the Fort Benton church, contended that Brother Van would have done just as the old legend said.

Bro. Van: Sermon in saloon?

Early day Montanans were a tolerant people; more than one bartender cheerfully closed down his business while an itinerant minister brought a Gospel message. Brother Van was one of those who made his way past that tolerance into the hearts of rugged, self-sufficient frontiersmen.

Did Brother Van Preach in Saloon?

HARRY E. CHAPPELL
Retired "Circuit Rider"
Great Falls, Mont.

We in Montana doubt that Brother Van preached in a saloon his first Sunday in Montana, in June, 1872, when he had just arrived on the *Far West* at Fort Benton. (Alson Jesse Smith's biography, *Brother Van,* which records it, is not correct in many details.)

It was the Brother Van of later years who made friends of all sorts of men and was "welcomed" in saloons, etc. I don't believe that as a young lay preacher from Pennsylvania he would have thought of a saloon as a place to hold a service.

Brother Van's Nurse Remembers

MRS. LOIS WILSON, *R.N.*
Penney Farms, Fla.

Saint in Stirrups was of special interest to me for, as a student nurse at Montana Deaconess, I had the privilege of sharing in caring for Brother Van during his last illness there.

To him all nurses were "angels-of-mercy" and whatever we did was quite all right with him. One request he made frequently, I recall, was for the *Rose-Song* [*In the Garden*] so at least once a day two of the Deaconess nurses stood at the foot of his bed and sang:

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses . . .

It never failed to have a quieting affect, and he would drift off into sleep.

In a visit sometime during the year previous, Brother Van, in a talk to the nurses, said someone had called him the "Father of Montana" but as a bachelor he didn't think it proper to be called a father. Then throwing his head back, he laughed so heartily everyone joined.

'SSS'—Soap, Soup, Salvation!

W. F. OGLESBY
Morro Bay, Calif.

In the article, *Saint in Stirrups,* Brother Van was reported as singing *Diamonds in the Rough.* I knew the song's author, Charley Byron. He helped me in a series of revival services in small railroad towns northeast of Nogales, Ariz., in 1899. He was a converted clown, an Englishman with a full-blown cockney accent.

Someone once asked if he was Lord Byron. "No," he said, "the Lord's Byron." He came from a city mission at Fort Worth, Tex., where the watchword was "SSS" meaning "soap, soup, salvation!"

Started Church in Idaho, Too

DON IAN SMITH, *Pastor*
Salmon, Ida.

Because of our great interest in Brother Van we enjoyed the article, *Saint in Stirrups,* and the picture, *'Brother Van' Shooting Buffalo.*

Though without doubt Brother Van belongs to Montana, it is an interesting bit of history that our church in Salmon is the first of the churches started by Brother Van that is still active. It was founded by Brother Van in 1873 as a part of the Virginia City, Bannack, Salmon City Circuit. A beautiful carved wooden sign in our church yard tells those who pass by that this church was founded by Brother Van. The memory of this great man has been a constant inspiration to us.

Waited 19 Years for 'Miracle'

HENRY RATLIFF, *Pastor*
Hartford, S.D.

I have just read, cover to cover, the most recent issue of TOGETHER. To think, I had to wait 19 years for this to happen! Each issue is a new miracle in religious journalism. You are mightily strengthening the churches.

Still Have 'Those Who Stone'

MRS. E. MORRELL
Sacramento, Calif.

This is in response to the letter by Mrs. Raymond W. Jones [July, page 6], commenting on the article about unwed

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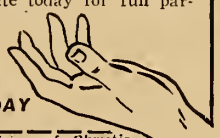

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mothers [*Haven for Unwed Mothers*, June, page 13]. . . .

Such blessed places as havens for unwed mothers help to even the score a bit—a very little bit—in a sin in which one is punished unmercifully while the other often goes scot-free. In spite of what Jesus said to the adulterous woman nearly 2,000 years ago, still there are those who "stone" them!

The trouble is we are not yet completely free from the days when a woman was owned, bought, and sold. And the pure girl brought a higher price than the one who was not.

Let's not boast too much about our civilization.

Adventure & Inspiration!

MYRTLE DUDLER
Denver, Colo.

When the August TOGETHER arrived, I stopped my household chores to thumb through it. Imagine my delight to see a familiar face just inside the back cover—the Rev. Ralph D. York and the California trailcampers [*They Climbed the Highest Mountain*, August, page 75]. Having been members of the first and second years on the trail, my husband and I can vouch for the unique adventure and inspiration. More people should share the experience!

. . . And for Non-Methodists, Too

ELIZABETH B. CUMMING
Streatham, London, England

I am a Methodist, from a Methodist family, and my nephew is a Methodist minister, as was my uncle years ago. I certainly find much inspiration and interest in your happy, colorful magazine and trust the circulation is wide among Methodists (and others) in America.

TOGETHER's *net paid circulation is fast approaching 1 million—but a growing number of subscribers are not Methodist. Indeed, one Congregational church has adopted the All Family Plan to send the magazine to all homes represented on its rolls.*—EDS.

He Has 564, Wants More!

ROBERT B. St. CLAIR, *Pastor*
Commercial Point, Ohio

Thank you for printing my name in your *Name Your Hobby* column [January, page 62]. To date I have received 564 church bulletins from 37 states and three foreign countries. I hope to receive a church bulletin from the missing states. Thank you for your help.

On a Paul Revere Bell . . .

ERNEST A. MILLER
South Miami, Fla.

May I say a word on Donald Culross Peattie's *The Bells in Our Lives* [August, page 20]? After my retirement from the Methodist ministry, I served a small New England Congregational church in Groveland, Mass. It has one of the few bells made by Paul Revere. I climbed to the belfry one day and read on it: "The people to the church I call, To the grave I summon all."

Naturally this is a bell in my life!

Chain-Reaction Gratitude

MRS. HOWARD L. SMITH
Gibbstown, N. J.

Thank you for reprinting André Maurois' *A Loan of Honor* [August, page 15]. When I was a music student, a well-known teacher in my town taught me privately—without cost. Now I, in turn, have passed along to a talented young woman the knowledge so freely given me. I am certain that she, too, someday will pass along this "silent loan." Is there any better way to say, "Thank you"?

Tithing vs. Taxi Driving

JOHN HENRY SOLTMAN
Auburn, Wash.

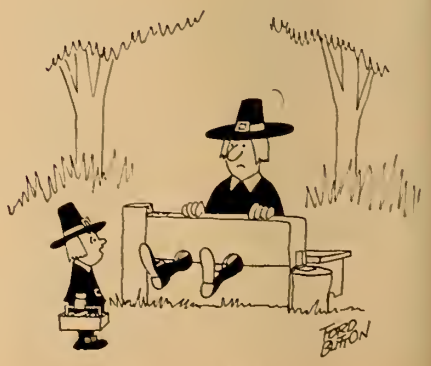
Your news item, *Urge New Spiritual Offensive* [August, page 69] reports a special year of enlistment beginning in March, 1959, growing out of a convocation in Washington, D.C. The goals are personal evangelism, added members for church and church school, and other fine things. I approve. But what has happened to the "massive efforts" to enlist Methodists as tithers during 1956-60? This crusade is written into our *Discipline*, page 214.

Why not put more emphasis on tithing? It will put new life into any program to enlist members and it will make forever unnecessary the need of pastors to drive taxis to help the church.

'Everyday Practical Religion'

MRS. H. D. JONES
Indiana, Pa.

I cannot help replying to the ministers who object to TOGETHER as not being religious. That is exactly why my family and many others I know are reading it. They are receiving everyday practical religion in a magazine with appeal.



"Shine, Mister?"

Together / NEWSLETTER

MISSING MISSIONARY. The Board of Missions still has no word on the Rev. Lester E. Griffith, Jr., who disappeared August 18 in Algeria. Mr. Griffith, a Methodist missionary in the area since 1952, may have been kidnaped by Algerian rebels to give medical aid to their wounded. The Board is working through the State Department and French authorities to find him.

OBSCENE-MAIL CRACKDOWN. President Eisenhower has signed two bills giving the Post Office tighter control over obscene mail. One permits prosecution of offenders where the material was deposited or received. The other gives the Department broader powers over the type material which may be seized.

KEEP 'GOD' IN CONSTITUTION. A Pennsylvania State Commission on Constitution Revision has agreed to keep the word "God" in that portion of the state constitution dealing with qualifications of officeholders. A proposal to strike the word brought a flood of protests.

-BOMB EFFECTS CONTINUE. It is 13 years since the atomic bomb was dropped over Hiroshima, but its radioactive effects still cause one death every 5½ days. So reports the Rev. John W. Wilson, associate secretary, Minnesota Council of Churches, who has just returned from Japan. Mr. Wilson also says 230,000 Japanese are still registered as needing medical treatment from atomic sickness.

'OR CO: REDUCED SENTENCE. The Marine Corps has cut one year from the two-year term given Pvt. Peter H. Green, 19, of Evanston, Ill., but has affirmed a bad-conduct discharge for him. Green, a Methodist who has been seeking conscientious-objector status since March, 1957, was convicted by a general court-martial of discrediting the Corps in public statements, of being disrespectful to officers, and of being AWOL. Defense counsel plans to appeal his case to higher military tribunals.

IEW WORLD-COUNCIL BUILDING. Construction is scheduled to begin next year on a new $2.5-million headquarters building for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. The 236-room unit will be near the UN and other international centers. Completion date: late 1961.

(*More church news page 63*)

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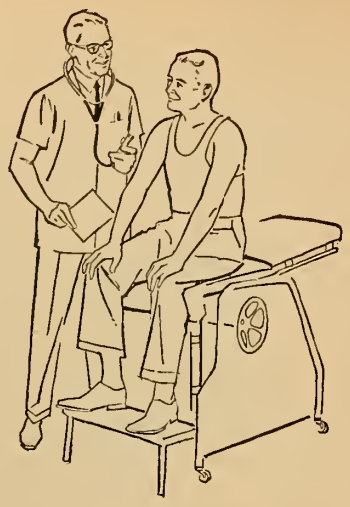

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✠ *Personal Testimony*

Start the Day With God

By David Wesley Soper

The author, chairman of the department of religion, Beloit College, finds the way to make work meaningful is merely to "present our job and ourselves to God for his baptism."

JESUS TAUGHT us many things; among others, how to live and how to die. Of these two, it is far more important to know how to live. How, at the moment of death, can you say, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," unless you have long formed the habit of saying: "Father, into thy hands I commend my life"? The key is in being a *growing* Christian.

A growing Christian is one who begins each day with these words: "Father, into thy hands I commend my life today." The growing Christian begins his day with this prayer because he knows he is not sufficient unto himself. He wants knowledge greater than his own to direct the day; strength greater than his own to sustain him; goodness better than his own to surround and flow through him.

A growing Christian father begins every day with the prayer: "Father, into thy hands I commend my family—throughout this day and night. Let thy love and power, thy faithfulness and fruitfulness, today surround and fill my wife, my son, my daughter, myself." It makes all the difference in the world whether a father begins the day with the surrender of himself and his family to the care of all-wise Love.

A growing Christian faces every hour of trouble with: "Father, into my hands I commend this crisis. Let thy wisdom and strength prevail in this hour of trial. Bring thy good out of this evil, for everyone." Whether a man faces crises with, or without, surrender to a wisdom greater than his own is important.

A growing Christian is one who surrenders his leisure time and, even more, his daily work to God—all the time. Every day he offers his job and himself to God and says: "Father, into thy hands I commend my work today. Make this job of mine a channel of thy quickening presence and power. Make me a blessing today, not only to myself, but to everyone. Guide me in the midst of my work, and make my work thy work. Through my work today bless, strengthen, and quicken all with whom, or for whom, I work." It makes a difference whether a man presents his work to God every day—that a knowledge, a strength, and a goodness greater than his own may fill it.

Many of us spend most of our time griping about our job. The more profitable thing is to present our job and ourselves to God for his baptism of poise and peace.

Life is important. Our daily life can be a wonder—or a waste of time. The difference between a useful life, ablaze with the glory of God, and a life which fails to justify the space it takes up, is just the daily prayer offered from mind and heart: "Father, into thy hands I commend my life, my family, this hour of trial, my leisure, and my work. Let thy quickening love for everyone flow into me, and through me in blessing and strength for all."

Bright new day begins when Minnie Poo, the family pet, gets up early to bring in the paper each morning.

At breakfast, Dorothy in charge, the Detweilers could be any one of a million homes starting the day.

Meet: Methodi

Jim, here testing motors of hydraulic landing gear systems, earns his daily bread at Lockheed where he puts sound Christian ethics to good use while in the plant.

OUTSTANDING Christian devotion to church, home, community —and to one another."

That sums up the James Detweilers of Burbank, Calif., 1958 Methodist Family of the Year—the kind of folk you'd enjoy having as neighbors. They came to Chicago, October 17-19, to attend the Third National Conference on Family Life as guests of TOGETHER. The family is featured on our cover this month.

It was not easy for judges to select one family from the hundreds nominated. The choice was finally made because the Detweilers so well typify Methodist families the country over who put Christian ideas and ideals into their lives seven days each week.

Withal, they're a happy, healthy, fun-loving five who enjoy doing for others. Mr. Detweiler, 47, an Ohioan, is a research engineer with Lockheed Aircraft Corp. His wife, Dorothy, is a Nebraskan. They have been

Somewhere in Burbank, another teen-age girl, probably also in hair clips, answers Jeanie's telephone invitation to the church youth meeting.

amily of the Year

A Together in the Home feature

married 25 years, moved to Burbank when Jim joined Lockheed 15 years ago. Their children are Douglas, 17, Jeanette, 15, and Richard, 11.

"As individuals and as a family unit they are completely dedicated to Christ," says their pastor, the Rev. Randall Phillips of Burbank's First Methodist Church.

This shows up in all phases of community life, either in leadership or in quiet work behind scenes. Their church activities are numerous, ranging from the father's role as lay leader to that of the mother as general church-school superintendent; from the devoted MYF work of both Doug and Jeanette to Richard's role as senior acolyte.

Like many another Methodist family, the Detweilers are good neighbors as well as good Christians. Meet them now as TOGETHER's photographer found them on a recent visit to their sunny home in Burbank.

Day's end sometimes finds friendly Dorothy Detweiler playing hostess to one of her church groups, Jim's co-workers, or simply a social gathering of neighbors.

What family doesn't devote Saturdays to yard work, shopping, recreation! And what father doesn't like to don a chef's hat while pretending he's relieving his wife of kitchen chores?

Close mother-daughter relationship continues at the local dress shop where Jeanie views a chemise.

Husky Doug Detweiler, a champion swimmer, is now in college studying engineering. He headed his Hi-Y and MYF groups, is a "do-it-yourselfer" like his father.

Dorothy, superintendent of the church school, presents the Sunday morning devotion.

Jim (in robe, nearest camera) usually assists his minister during the morning worship service.

"As a family," says their pastor, "it is their desire to grow in their prayer and devotional life and, with humility of spirit, ever to serve the needs of Christ."

Moslem and Christia

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

Split apart by religion for centuries, they forget that in religion they also have the basis for co-operation, holds this astute observer of global problems.

SOME years ago, I had an audience with King Idris I, the desert chieftain and Moslem religious leader, who has become the first king of Libya. Because of a previous encounter with an Italian journalist whose report had caused him trouble, I was granted the interview on condition that I would not ask or discuss political questions. So we turned our minds to religion, particularly to the possibilities for Moslem-Christian co-operation. I have been deeply interested in the movement promoting better relations between the two religions which has developed over the last few years and wondered whether he believed co-operation possible. I was amazed at the scope and tolerance of his views.

"God," he said, "has sent many prophets to bring his message to mankind. Moses was such a prophet. Jesus was one. We Moslems think Mohammed was the most recent and the greatest. The prophet is always a messenger. And the message to mankind is always the same."

I have pondered those words many times since then. I think the first message in revelatory religions is that man must recognize that there is a Supreme Power. Above the minds of men there is a Supreme Creative and incorporeal Mind and the first duty of man is to recognize this—that he is not God.

The second message, it seems to me, is that God is benevolent to man as long as man keeps his commandments. He is all knowing, all loving, merciful, and kind, and his commandments are designed for the preservation of man, not his destruction. The qualities that preserve man as a person and as a race are what we call "good"—which literally means of God. The qualities that encompass man's destruction are evil.

I was brought up in a parsonage in a highly theological atmosphere. As a young person in a modern university I found some of the credos I had been taught—credos that grew up long after Christ—incompatible with any reason I could apply to them. And since I could not then, nor can I now, believe that the Creator had endowed man with reasoning faculties in order that he should abandon them, it seemed to me that faith without the support of reason was a poor thing.

But to all of us come experiences and trials—and I include intellectual experiences and trials—that require a different sort of insight than comes from the reasoning developed by the scientific method. It has, for instance, no answer to the age-long human question, "Why was I born and to what purpose do I exist?" Yet I submit that it is impossible to live as a fulfilled human being; it is impossible to be happy in any deep sense of that word; it is impossible even to be a person—as contrasted with being a mechanical function—without finding an answer to that question.

It happens that I found that answer in the *Evangelium,* in the record however faulty, inconclusive, and even in minor matters contradictory of the life and actions of Jesus, wha he taught his disciples, and in the effect that he had upon them and upon the "multitudes" who followed him. As a mature young woman, approached the Gospels as though had never read them before. And saw revealed in them what Jefferson an agnostic, nevertheless called "the most innocent and sublime personality of whom history has a record."

I observed something else—namely the intense *reasonableness* of all tha he taught. His disciples were simple men, fishermen and craftsmen. He spoke to them largely in parables drawn from the nature around them with which they were all familiar He instilled into them the wisdom o nature, the wisdom of its Creator He evolved for them a system of hu

Can Be Friends

Mohammed bade his followers, no matter where they were, to pray five times daily—a rite still observed by pious Moslems.

man behavior in harmony with natural law. Implicit in that law is that we reap what we sow and that all that we do returns. Hatred begets hatred; aggression releases aggression—there is always a "massive retaliation."

He also taught that the sin—the evil—is not initiate in the action but in its precedent thought or desire. If you do not make peace with your brother when he is in the way of it, you have also invited the conflict though your brother may touch it off. He counseled resistance. He was a resister unto his bodily death. But we were not to resist evil with evil, but overcome it with good.

What Jesus despised above all was hypocrisy. "You Pharisees, scribes, hypocrites!" was the ultimate expression of his holy wrath. For the woman taken in adultery and about to be stoned to death, he had only compassion and the admonition to "go and sin no more." He understood the limitations and temptations of the flesh. Those whom he attacked (and who ultimately encompassed his death) were the self-righteous, the intellectual and religious leaders who, having the capacity to see truth and the power and position to lead men in the way of truth, bartered away their mission, set up booths in the temple for raising money—and eventually bribed the temple guards falsely to testify against him before Pilate.

The hypocrite is the worst of sinners because he knows what he is doing. He polishes the outside of the cup to conceal the filth of its contents. He whitewashes the sepulcher to deceive about its content of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. He is the politician who dresses up his appeals to ruthless pressure groups with such words as freedom, democracy, humanity. He is the intellectual who debases his knowledge to serve the gutter; the lawyer who will defend the basest criminal for a fee; the craftsman, manufacturer, or worker who produces shoddy goods under a slick exterior; the scientist who turns his knowledge of the forces of the universe to the service of the utmost destruction of humanity and civilization.

In Venice, on stone pillars that support the Palace of the Doges, are depicted the vices and virtues. The vices—pride, envy, lust, anger, gluttony, and sloth—are recognized as such by both Moslem and Christian, just as temperance, fortitude, justice, patience, and humility are recognized as virtues. Moslem and Christian could readily agree on a definition of a good and a bad man. Between Moslem and Christian there is little

disagreement regarding personal ethical values, and these should, I think, be mutually restated.

It is, however, in the application of these personal ethical values to the governing of human society that I see the greatest need for co-operative activity by Moslems and Christians. For something extremely disturbing has been developing within all modern civilization. It is the extreme dichotomy between what men believe and practice as individual persons and what they practice, or is practiced in their name, as groups, nations, and societies.

As a journalist I have had occasion to encounter mobs. I have seen Communist mobs; in my own country, one lynching mob; Arab mobs, and a Bulgarian mob in which I was caught and almost killed. The horrifyingly characteristic thing about the mob is that it is not composed of persons, but of a mass displaying every sign of hypnosis—of a complete suspension of personal inhibition or will. There are ways of inducing this, one being the mass chanting of slogans; any person, not of a mob, who tries to break this hypnosis invites instant destruction.

The mob spirit, though it may find no more violent expression than herd-mindedness, tends to pervade all collectives—and technological civilization tends to create such collectives, with the consequent depersonalization of the individual. This, to me, is the greatest evil and danger of our times, and one with which the 500 million believers in Islam and the 800 millions who profess Christianity can best come to grips in co-operative endeavor..

Technology, like modern war, consists of assembling, not men, but functions. We speak of "processing" immigrants, soldiers, and even school children. Men are "channeled," "fitted into the right groove," "geared to" this or that activity, and they are "interchangeable" like spare parts. Even man's psychic life is analyzed by statistics in an attempt to establish a behavior norm.

The formidable efficiency of technology is being transferred largely unconsciously to become a measure of human efficiency. And this, unless it is halted, may well be the end of man, as *man,* as human and religious divination have conceived and revealed him. For man is not a machine. Men have created machines. But they have never created, nor will they ever create, a man.

Measured by the strictly functional machine, man is deplorably inefficient, for a large part of his nature is perpetually at war with his reduction to a function. Deep in him is the desire to live a whole life, to be at peace within himself and with his whole self, to be creative, self-realized, and self-directed. He wants to be good—not according to an external collective standard but according to an internal self-realized standard. The division of the personality, its fractionalization, is driving people crazy in the exact medical sense of the term.

Now Western Christians and the Russian Communists are extending technology to the civilizations of all the world. It may well be that we are not, thereby, aiding humanity in the sense of humanity as the assemblage of human minds and souls We shall not be doing so unless side by side with technological develop ments there awakens realization o its dangers and of the absolute neces sity of protecting and elevating mai as a unique human personality.

The time has come for both Islan and Christianity to assert that mai was not made for technology, bu technology to serve man, and that it satisfaction of his material desire cannot be purchased by the subjuga tion of his mind and his soul. Fo man does not live by bread alone bu by every word proceeding from Goc This is the message of Jesus an Mohammed. As Moslems and Chris tians, adherents of the two larges and most nearly similar of the world faiths, our co-operation can and mus be that of devoted messengers, eac of his own faith, proclaiming tc gether "there is no God but God.

I do not speak of Moslem-Christia co-operation from the viewpoint of Christian theologian, a student c comparative religions, or a schola of human cultures. I approach th subject as one who is, or is tryin to be, a Christian, to exemplify—i sofar as the limitations of my natu permit, and it falls far short of sain hood—those precepts of respect fc truth, mercy, forgiveness, humilit and charity taught and admonishe by him whom I do not hesitate t call the Lord and Savior of my sou

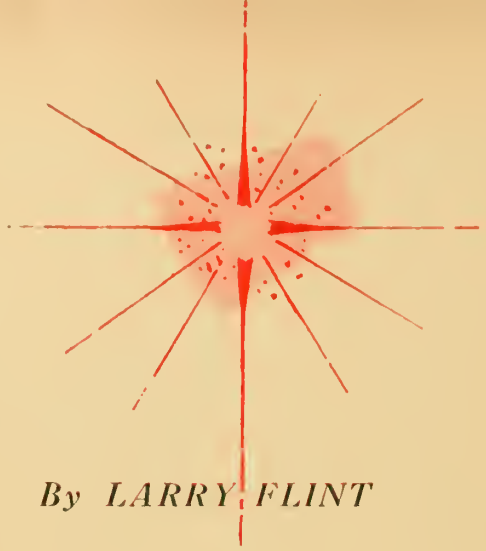
Islam's Wide-Swinging Crescent

MOHAMMED was born in A.D. 570 in Mecca, deep in western Arabia. His militant followers circled North Africa to invade France, but were repulsed at Tours in 732. Centuries later Christians staged the Crusades, vainly striving to wrest the Holy Land from the Saracens.

Discovery of fabulously rich oil fields in the Near East has again focused Western eyes on that strategic land—and, tardily, its religion. Moslems accept the Old Testament and stress the precepts of Jesus to forgive and to be kind. Mohammed's teachings are recorded in the Koran.

Believing that common denominators of beliefs could lead to co-operation, a group of Moslems and Christians set up a "Continuing Committee" four years ago with headquarters at Washington and Damascus. Its special representative, touring Moslem countries last summer, is the Rev. Alvah I. Cox, North-East Ohio Conference of The Methodist Church.

A man ponders love and finds . . .



We're Missing the Star

By LARRY FLINT

A BOY and his dad stood hand in hand at the airport, their faces turned to the sky. It was a night for watching. Overhead was a moving spectacle of the air age, and the father, knowing a boy's heart, had brought his son to see it.

The light of jets, high and hurrying, sliced the heavens where, brighter than its myriad mates, one magnificent star shone like a mighty lamp as if to light the arena for man's display of progress. Slower, larger planes blinked lazily in and out of the field.

The father, eager to fill the lad's cup of wonder and delight, pointed to a giant, lighted airliner approaching, and said, "Look!"

"But Dad, we're missing the star!" the boy replied.

In recent months, I have read and appreciated the writings of scholarly men and women on a human problem: incompatibility in marriage. To dispute the need for instructive treatment of this intimate subject would be to deny the divorce court's bulging docket. To quibble over the propriety of dealing frankly with it in print would be stuffy in this candid age.

Sex being God's plan, it seems something to rejoice, rather than blush, about. And since it is one of society's major arenas of moral conflict, it seems mature to admit that men are masculine and women feminine, and to try to do something about whatever problems the fact engenders.

Yet, I have read with concern the experts' diagnoses of what is wrong with some marriages, and the curative prescriptions, mainly physical, they suggest. Each left me with the echo of the small sky-watcher's voice crying into my ear: "But we're missing the star!"

The star! What is this thing the experts are missing? Paul says magnificently: "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels . . . And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge . . . but have not love, I am nothing."

Nothing—without love! There is, in this life and surely throughout all the rest of eternity, nothing without love.

And with it, there is everything!

Love is important for these reasons: The romantic relationship is the area of vital choice between the dead-end road to sordidness and failure and despair, and the sunlit highway to the Glorious Adventure; and it is mightily essential that we know the identity of the one thing—the star—whose limitless power can guide us. And it is necessary that we know the truth.

Trying to describe love is like describing God—humanly impossible. There is, of course, much, much more than the physical in the love between a man and a woman, if it is true and not counterfeit. It is something transcendent, infinite, something that glorifies life and fills the heart to overflowing. And it is timeless.

It is my deep conviction that most, if not all, of man's major, unnecessary troubles spawn from his failure to comprehend that love—all love—is the Creator's superlative gift of himself to man: the one spark of divinity which God, who is a spirit and who is love, has endowed to man, and by which he has created man in his own image. No man lacking love in his heart could be in his Maker's true likeness, because, by biblical identification and in the multiplied experiences of men, God is, in all certainty, love.

What, then, having this spark of God within us, can and must we do with it? We must recognize that true love between a man and a woman is divine. And to fulfill life's keystone mission, its possessors must keep it aflame and growing in their hearts. It must be made a beacon of hope, a dream, an uplifting light to the young—the star which, in the romantic experience, they must not miss.

But how? Love must be sought, with the seeker knowing what he seeks. There must be planted in the thinking of the young the aspiration and hunger to love—deeply, purely, divinely; the awareness that there is this kind of love; the hope and faith and eagerness for the Glorious Adventure of walking hand in hand and heart to heart with someone truly loved.

This, then, is the star the experts missed: love, recognized as the divine spark, God's image in the human heart. This is the star you will see in the eyes of those at the marriage altar, truly loving; in the eyes of men and women who have found heaven on earth, who need no words to remind them of the joy in their hearts; in a mother's face as she bends adoringly over her sleeping child.

Love—the love between men and women—needs to be lifted up. Up, in the minds of all of us, to where it comes from; to its authentic state of divinity; to the realization that love is God.

Manners and customs change with the times,
but befuddled thinking of our day must not be allowed to cloud the fact:

Unchastity Is a Sin

By PHYLLIS McGINLEY

MOTHERS, even the wisest of them, are improvident creatures: they never really believe their children will grow up. It isn't that they do not plan. Their lives are feverish with planning, the paths behind them littered with discarded maps and charts and abandoned strategies. It is simply that parenthood is such a hand-to-mouth existence, such a series of skirmishes won (or lost), that they can only live, like soldiers in the field, from day to day.

Sufficient unto the hour is the crisis thereof. Babies must cut molars, kindergartners start off to school, little boys break windows, and little girls their hearts at dancing class. Each peril has to be faced as it is encountered—the first fib, the measles, the naughty word, the sprained ankle, and the explanation of sex . . . every event is an emergency for which there can be no real preparation except love and common sense.

And then suddenly a mother looks about her and her children are children no longer. . . .

How trivial seem those old anxieties—the tantrums and the tonsillectomies, the disorders and the disappointments, the bad grades, and the poor postures, and the braces on the teeth! Even the most desperate situation had this consolation—that however inadequate her hand, it was there to be reached for. She could interpose herself between the child and life.

Now that must change. Our daughters (for since I have only daughters, I must speak of the gender I know) must climb the rest of the way nearly unaccompanied, and it wrings the heart. For perhaps they have not quite recovered from adolescence. They are still unsure of themselves. They still keep diaries, which they lock away in secret drawers. They worry about their complexions and are touchy about their friends and take a gentle suggestion as a personal affront. But they have driving licenses and a clothes allowance, and the boys they bring home are growing up to their ears and speak condescendingly to adults in manly voices. Next year or the year after will bring college or a job. It will also bring either love or its facsimile.

What then shall I, what shall any mother, give them for an amulet against the dangerous journey they must take alone? For we know, unfashionable as it may be to say so, that the dangers are real. . . .

Surely no one would be naïve enough to think that little biological chats about conception and bodily structure are sufficient. Our daughters have known for a long time just how babies are born, and have accepted, we hope, their theoretical knowledge of sex gravely and sweetly. But the tides of spring run strong. Home ties are breaking off, and to the confusion of new voices and circumstances and the competition for popularity will be added the pulse of their own blood. Curiosity, even, will have its urgent pull.

Admitted that illicit sexual adventure is a peril, at least for what used to be called "marriageable girls," what memorable word can we teach them they can repeat like an incantation if the tide should become a threatening flood?

I have talked this over with friends and psychologists. I have read the brochures and the textbooks. I have also thought about the problem deeply, and I know what I, for one, shall do. It's an iconoclastic thing: it has not been mentioned at all in any of the dozens of pamphlets and tomes I have dipped into. But it seems sanest. I shall remind my daughter simply that there is such a thing as right and such a thing as wrong. I shall commit the dreadful heresy of talking about sin.

Now sin has always been an ugly word, but it has been made so in a new sense over the last half century. It has been made not only ugly but passé. People are no longer sinful, they are only immature or underprivileged or frightened or, more particularly, sick. And I think it has no doubt been helpful to some unfortunates to find themselves so considered. But my daughters and you are fairly brave and certainly priv

READER'S CHOICE

This thoughtful article by Phyllis McGinley, also a noted writer of verse and of children's stories, so impressed Mrs. G. Henry Swain Jr., Nashville, Ind., that she was first to nominate it as a TOGETHER Reader's Choice feature. We reprint it here, in condensed version, with permission of *Good Housekeeping*, where it first appeared in August, 1954. To nominate a favorite article or story (only one, please), tell us the title, author, and where and when it appeared. If you're first to suggest it, and it is used, we'll send you $25.—EDS.

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leged and more mature than we might have hoped; and if their souls had been sick, we should have known it before this. My children would believe themselves mortally insulted to have their misdemeanors classified as illnesses. In our household we have never been afraid of sin as a proper noun.

In fact, although until now we have never used the word in connection with matters of sex, we have found it a subject of fruitful discussion. We think it is sinful to slander our neighbors. We believe that stealing and cheating and bearing false witness are sins. We think dishonest politicians are sinners. Once, when intolerance raised its unattractive head, we disposed of it readily. We refused to repeat all the windy arguments that have become the standard clichés; we just said that anti-Semitism, like every other artificial bias against one's fellow man, is a sin. And that—as nearly as is humanly possible—was that.

And while I find some writers inane to the point of vulgarity (one author even suggested coy things to say to "break off a petting session"), others have set down superbly reasoned appeals for chastity. But how strong is reason against a tidal wave? I think conscience proves a superior shelter. My daughters shall be told that there exist a moral law and an ancient commandment and that they do wrong to flout them.

And now, against my critics (who will be many if they are well versed in the gospel that has its ultimate evangelist in Dr. Kinsey), I should like to argue the wholesomeness of treating extramarital relations as sinful. For that is what I do consider such teaching—wholesome and even effective.

To begin with, sin implies goodness, and the young love goodness with all their hearts. We all know what idealists they are, how fiercely they react against injustice and cruelty, how they hate hypocrisy and cant. To take away their delight in virtue, to tell them that they must withstand temptations because temptations are merely urges toward immature behavior, is to give them stones when they pant for bread. It is to weaken the muscles of their characters.

In the second place, it is confusing. I think we have all argued too much with our children in this generation. It has been drummed into our ears that we must explain the reasons behind every taboo and we, in turn, have drummed these reasons into their ears until they are nearly deafened. . . .

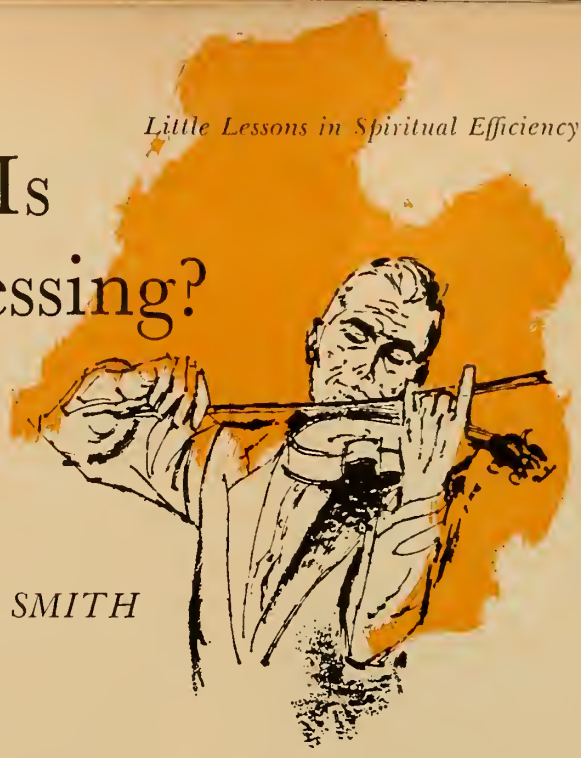
Just so, it is simpler to treat sex morally than reasonably. Moreover, believing in sin is a kind of tactful armor. A girl might find, in a given situation, that it was better to tell a young man that he was doing wrong than that he was being a social dunce. His self-esteem would suffer less.

"But how about guilt?" ask my opponents. "When the young believe in sin, they must necessarily feel guilty if they commit it. Is not that destructive?"

From my fallible viewpoint, I do not think so. For sin implies forgiveness. One who has done a wrong can be sorry and recover. If he is generous enough, he can even forgive himself. But how does one go

Little Lessons in Spiritual Efficiency

What Is a Blessing?



By ROY L. SMITH

NO PHRASE appears more frequently in our prayers than the petition that God will "bless us." Let's investigate its meaning.

Probably most of us, in asking God to bless us, have in mind something pleasant. Perhaps we are seeking peace of mind or release from tension. Or maybe we hope God will express his approval of what we are doing by granting us some special measure of success.

According to the common experience of all of us, however, blessings often come in the form of hardships, heavy loads, testings, or severe demands. Could it be that, in praying for blessings, we are actually asking for these?

Henry Ward Beecher once told about a woman in his congregation who prayed that God would make her a patient person. And God, in answering her prayer, sent her a stupid servant. Therewith she had to become patient!

It is easy to pray for some divine intervention that will save us from anxiety, defeat, or exertion. But to ask for a situation which demands our utmost in the face of extreme opposition is an entirely different matter.

A youthful violin student came home gleefully one afternoon, reporting that his teacher had assigned him "one of the most difficult concertos." Happily, he described how the assignment "shows that he has confidence in me and gives me the chance to show what I can do."

Only rarely do we hear anyone pray that God will bless him with the bestowal of hard tasks, difficult problems, or excessive responsibilities. Yet a year later the young violinist said, "That was the best lesson he ever assigned me," and an older Christian, in reporting on a severe situation, recalled, "That was the most valuable experience through which God ever called me."

It is a mistake to think of a divine blessing as some kind of holy labor saver. If God is trying to make something out of each of us, then he may bestow loads and problems on us to compel us to grow.

The captain of one college football team wrote home to his father complaining, "We will not meet any team this year that will really test us to the limit. I do not like it. I want competition that calls for everything we have." That young man coveted the "blessing" that required of him his supreme best.

The pains of life have the power to make great souls out of little people, and the problems of life have a way of making common men wise. That which robs us of the situation in which we have the chance to grow is not a blessing but a handicap. On the other hand, that situation which compels us to think, to exert every effort, and to invest our supreme powers is a blessing, even though it may be disguised as a hardship.

To pray for a blessing, then, may actually be to ask God for fresh assignments of difficulty, new responsibilities in untried fields, and unprecedented tasks.

To pray for genuine blessings calls for a fine quality of heroism.

To accept the mysteries of life as a summons to exert our last possible effort is to declare our dedication to God anew.

about forgiving oneself for a lapse in taste or a gaucherie? We have all committed sins in our lives, meannesses and angers and lies. But most of us have forgotten them easily. What we find hard to forget or to forgive are the silly things we have said, the times we have been awkward and doltish. It is one of my articles of psychological faith that a girl (and perhaps the same thing applies to a boy) would find life less broken apart after a misguided love affair if she could feel that she had been sinful rather than a fool. And hope that all our daughters are sure enough of parental love not to let a sense of guilt destroy them in silence.

Now all this does not mean that because I, like Coolidge's minister, am against sin, I am also against sex or that my girls will get that impression. On the contrary, they will believe, I hope, that it is one of the moving graces of the world, far too magnificent a gift to be carelessly handled. We three women in our house are proud of being women. We feel a little sorry for men, who can never bear children or be wives. Puberty was something welcomed by my daughters with delight. So when I mention the moral standard they will understand that it is for the sake of protecting this magnificence that mankind has slowly strugglingly been building for several thousand years. Fashions in morals fluctuate. Puritan rigor gives way to Restoration license, and that in turn is drowned in Victorian severity. It is possible that much of our overpermissive nonsense will be frowned on by the generation now growing up. But right and wrong do not really alter, nor do their consequences. And of this my daughters must be aware.

So what, in the end, shall I tell my daughters about chastity before marriage? Of course, I shall be sensible and point out the ordinary social penalties attached to any other conduct. I shall touch on the possible pregnancy, the untidiness, and the heartbreak. But I shall also say that love is never merely a biological act but one of the few miracles left on earth, and that to use it cheaply is a sin.

In fact, that is what I have already told them.

He moved with the frontier, preaching, praying, converting. He has been called

The Lord's Breaking Plow

By WEBB GARRISON
President, McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill.

Peter Cartwright—from an old photograph.

THE YOUNG lady tried to get loose from me, but I held her tight. Presently she fell on her knees. Some of the company kneeled, some stood, some fled, some sat still, all looked curious."

No wonder they were mystified—for seconds earlier Peter Cartwright had walked on the dance floor with a "beautiful, ruddy lady." Black curls flying as he tossed his head, the rough-and-tumble "Kentucky Boy" looked more like a tinhorn gambler than a parson. So it was natural that he should be invited to join Saturday-night festivities in the lonely Cumberland Mountains inn where he had stopped for the night.

Eager to preach to these strangers, the presiding elder saw his chance when invited to dance. He took his partner's hand, led her to the middle of the floor. Then he waved the fiddler to a halt and began to pray. Describing the incident years afterward in his famous *Autiobiography of Peter Cartwright* (Centennial Edition, Abingdon Press, 1956, $3.75), he concluded:

"While I prayed some wept, and wept out aloud, and some cried for mercy. I rose from my knees and commenced an exhortation, after which I sang a hymn. The young lady who invited me on the floor lay prostrate, crying earnestly for mercy. I exhorted again, I sang and prayed nearly all night. About fifteen of that company professed religion, and our meeting lasted next day and next night, and as many more were powerfully converted. I organized a society, took thirty-two into the Church, and sent them a preacher."

Peter Cartwright had been preaching nearly 20 years when he formed that congregation. Himself a product of the U.S. frontier, probably more than any other man he symbolizes the down-to-earth role of Methodist circuit riders who followed slashed-timber trails into the pioneer West.

Son of a soldier who fought under George Washington, Peter was born in 1785. When he was five or six, his father was lured from Virginia into Kentucky by land sales. To attract settlers, the region soon to become a new state deeded parcels of 400 acres for $80.

Everywhere west of the Allegheny Mountains, pioneers lived off the land. Meat was killed with the fearful new Kentucky rifle, so accurate a boy could bring down a turkey at 90 yards. Men made their own tools and utensils, everything from hand-whittled churns to rough breaking plows with which to turn new ground. Women beat meal with pestle and mortar, made sugar from maple water. They drank sassafras tea, sometimes went years without a pound of coffee.

Every family raised its own flax and cotton, from which women made rough cloth. On rare occasions when each of the Cartwrights had new homespun shirts at the same time, Peter reports, "We thought ourselves so big as anybody."

According to his own account, the frontier youth was as rough as the hickory logs he split into rails. Before he was 16, he considered himself a seasoned gambler and horse racer. Converted during an early camp meeting, he joined the Methodist flock of which his mother was already an ardent member.

His piercing black eyes gave him a formidable look, partly offset by the broad-brimmed white hat which he wore at a jaunty angle. A born fighter who would have weighed in at 200 pounds, he dedicated his mighty fists to pounding for the Lord—pulpits by preference; heads if necessary.

A few months after Thomas Jefferson assumed office, the Cartwrights moved two or three counties farther west. Peter applied for a letter transferring his church membership, received in lieu of it a license to form a new circuit around the mouth of the Cumberland.

Wholly unaccustomed to discipline, the beardless exhorter found it hard going at first. He particularly chafed at the traditional Methodist practice of rising at 4 A.M. for an hour of Scripture reading and an hour of prayer. Fortunately, he came under the influence of a gifted and deeply pious guide. Destined to become the first American-born Methodist bishop, William McKendree appointed Cartwright to the Salt River Circuit —and personally directed him in a course of reading.

AT each quarterly meeting, the older man examined into the progress of his protégé. Cartwright was ordained deacon in 1806 by Bishop Francis Asbury. [See *Live or Die, I Must Ride!* August, page 32.] Two years later, at 23, he was made a presiding elder.

Already beginning to win fame as a pulpit orator, he was death on whisky drinking, tobacco, and coffee. Having taken Frances Gaines to wife, he found it impossible to support a family on the standard Methodist salary of $80 a year. So while traveling the 600-mile Cumberland Circuit, he often rode all day and worked his farm by moonlight.

Along with his colleagues, he moved to a new field of labor after each Annual Conference. So it was as a total stranger that he kept a preaching appointment nine miles from Nashville on a dark, rainy day. His congregation consisted of a single one-eyed man. So Cartwright sang, prayed, took a text, and cut his sermon to just 45 minutes.

Not many months afterward, the roughneck Methodist spoke from a fashionable Presbyterian pulpit in the Tennessee capital. Just as his sermon started, General Andrew Jackson sauntered in and leaned against a pillar in the rear. Sight of the hero of New Orleans threw the church's pastor into a dither. So he leaned over, pulled the coattails of his visitor, and whispered to him.

Cartwright, bellowing at the top of his voice, made the most of the interruption.

"Who is General Jackson?" he thundered. "If he doesn't get his soul converted, God will damn his soul to hell as quick as he will a Guinea Negro."

It was not racial prejudice which suggested the comparison. In the year of Peter Cartwright's conversion, Kentucky claimed 1,626 white and 115 Negro Methodists. Tennessee trailed with a listing of 631 white and 62 Negro members.

Growing tension over slavery was a factor in the circuit rider's decision to move West. Already distinguished as a mighty foe of both slavery and the devil, and twice a delegate to General Conference, he threw his worn saddlebags across the back of his pony and headed for Illinois. Late in 1824 he bought a farm in Sangamon County and made it headquarters for the remainder of his life.

As a seasoned presiding elder and camp-meeting preacher of note, it was natural for the Kentuckian to become a leader in his adopted state. A few months after his arrival, he began pressing for establishment of church-sponsored educational institutions. Himself self-taught, he believed that Methodism and the West needed a college. So in 1827, when 27 circuit riders from Indiana and Illinois were assembled in Annual Conference at Mt. Carmel on the Wabash, he offered a motion that led next year to establishment of McKendree College, named for the bishop who had guided his reading. Later, he played an active part in the founding of MacMurray College. As a member of the legislature, he introduced the first bill for a state college in Illinois.

From his recollections, however, readers gain the impression that he opposed education. Throughout the fast-moving account, he fumes at educated preachers who can't speak without notes. Nor does he give any hint that proper usage would require addressing him as "Doctor Cartwright."

Early in 1839, he persuaded trustees to confer an honorary degree upon his friend Peter Akers, then president of McKendree College. Two years later the same institution announced a like honor for Cartwright. Informed of the action, he snorted that Akers had it given out of sheer loneliness at being the only Methodist doctor of divinity in the West.

Because he was much in the public eye and always partisan—never neutral on any issue—it was natural that Cartwright should be active in politics. Efforts to legalize slavery in Illinois pushed him into candidacy for a seat in the state legislature.

His first campaign, waged in 1828, brought an easy victory. Four years later he stood for re-election and retained his seat in spite of the contest waged by a young veteran of the Black Hawk War—a gangling fellow Kentuckian named Lincoln.

Both men were keenly conscious of that fact when they faced one another in the congressional race of 1846. Lincoln was the Whig candidate; Cartwright, the choice of the Democrats. Throughout the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois, all the talk was of war. Neither man said much about slavery, though both were violently opposed to it.

Preaching with his usual fire during the campaign, the presiding elder one evening used a familiar camp meeting technique. He asked all those yearning to go to heaven to signify their desire by standing. Then he invited a like response by all who wished to avoid going to hell.

Just one man in the entire congregation kept his seat. "If you are not going to repent and go to heaven and do not want to avoid hell," inquired the preacher, "just where are you going?"

"I am going to Congress, Brother Cartwright," replied Abe Lincoln.

HE did, of course. Though Cartwright maintained active interest in politics until his death at 87, he never again ran for public office. First and foremost, he was an evangelist and church organizer. His most vigorous debates were on religious rather than political issues. With far more vim than he used against Whigs, the old circuit rider attacked denominational leaders who baptized by immersion.

"Water! water! water!" he one growled after tangling with a Baptist. "You might think that heaven was an island and the only way to reach it was by swimming there."

Such exchanges helped build the almost legendary reputation of the Methodist fire-eater. For, in an e

WAITING FOR THE CHARIOT

(*Mrs. Peter Cartwright*)

Can bare fact make the cloth of a shining poem?
In Sangamon County, Illinois, they remembered how
The aged widow walked a mile from home to Bethel Chapel
Where she heard the services and was called on
"To give her testimony," rising to speak freely, ending:
"The past three weeks have been the happiest
of all my life; I am waiting for the chariot."
The pastor spoke the benediction; the members rose and moved
Into the aisles toward the door, and looking back
They saw the widow of the famous circuit rider
Sitting quiet and pale in an inviolable dignity
And they heard the pastor: "The chariot has arrived."

—*CARL SANDBURG*

when newspapers were few, publicity by word of mouth was sufficient to pack the house any time Peter Cartwright was scheduled to speak.

Cartwright carried a phial of peppermint to bolster himself when he became unwell in the pulpit, but he needed no stimulus when invited to fight. Time after time he rolled up his sleeves and offered to trounce some ruffian who brought his loaded whip and whisky bottle intending to break up a service.

Challenged to a duel by one such fellow, the preacher accepted—and chose cornstalks as weapons. After a fierce exchange that proved to be chiefly verbal, the attacker came under conviction and prayed so loudly he could be heard over the whole campground. "It seems to me that at least a legion of very dirty little devils were cast out of this Major L," Cartwright concluded in reporting, "It pleased God to give him relief, and he professed comfort in believing."

Far from simple showmanship or belligerence, the tactics of Peter Cartwright were superbly designed to meet needs of the frontier. Men attended a camp meeting of that era about as their descendants go to the movies. [See *Camp Meetings Grow Up!* July, page 74.] Every congregation represented a true cross section of backwoods society. Many a fellow who came from curiosity was caught in the spell of the preacher's message and left a baptized convert. Finely dressed young dandies, with their bosoms full of ruffles, fell upon the sawdust and prayed for forgiveness.

Peter Cartwright's autobiography remains a classic of Americana as well as of pioneer Methodism. Reviewed favorably by Charles Dickens and hailed as an important contribution to literature by James Russell Lowell, it makes exciting reading. Indifferent if not actually contemptuous concerning such worldly matters as literary success, he wrote the account for a single purpose—to challenge complacent religious leaders.

For, in his own words, his "small sketch of some of the perilous scenes through which early Methodist preachers had to pass" was designed "to show the Methodist preachers of the present day, the difference between walking on Turkey carpets, and eating yellow-legged chickens, and walking on mud and water, and eating nothing for days at a time."

Under leadership of Cartwright and his followers, Methodism grew with the expanding nation. Camp meetings attracted the masses and brought sinners under conviction; circuit riders moved with the frontier and kept converts related to the church. Created in 1800 to include everything west of the mountains, the Western Annual Conference claimed more than 30,000 members by 1811. In 1844, just 60 years after the Methodist Episcopal Church broke away from English control, it was listed as the largest Protestant body in America. Singlehanded, Peter Cartwright baptized from 12,000 to 15,000 persons and received from 10,000 to 12,000 into the church.

Peter Cartwright failed when he preached to congregations in fashionable Eastern churches. His function, as he saw it, was to break new ground. Ground first plowed by him in mid-America is still the harvest land of U.S. Methodism.

Unusual

AFRICAN ART: Hall Duncan views art with chief.

AD MAN TO MISSIONARY. Once an advertising executive and commercial artist in Oklahoma City, Hall Duncan, after a sudden decision to serve the church as a lay missionary, is now in Johannesburg, South Africa, teaching Africans various communications skills. By leading classes on poster art, silk-screen process, printing, and writing for publication, Duncan is preparing Africans to write and illustrate Christian literature which will reach millions. "Africans can be reached most effectively by their own people," he believes. Prior to assignment in Johannesburg, Duncan, his wife, and their three young sons spent more than two years in the Belgian Congo, where he helped form an African staff for the new Christian magazine, *Envol*. Always an active Methodist, Duncan helped organize the MYF in Oklahoma City long before sharing his talents with Africans.

BUSINESS BALANCE. When Roy Coble chose a career from two lifelong aspirations, he became a YMCA worker instead of a circus performer—not knowing he could be both. Starting as physical director, Coble now is YMCA general secretary in Redlands, Calif. But his favorite pastime is teaching youngsters balancing and tumbling. The result of this unusual activity is seen annually in the Great Y Circus, which made its 20th presentation in Redlands this year. Taking part were 350 men, women, boys, and girls, all Coble-trained as trampoline, tumbling, and trapeze artists, acrobats, aerialists, clowns, and calypso singers. Proceeds each year help develop the YMCA camp for boys and girls, also directed by Coble. An active Methodist, he is an usher, church-school teacher, and board member of Redlands' First Methodist Church.

BALANCED BOY: He's perfectly at ease on Roy Coble's head.

Methodists

GAME GIRL. The editor of the Southern Methodist University paper, *SMU Campus*, broke precedent when he named Barbara Simmers sports editor. This 101-pound brunette sports enthusiast is the first girl to fill the post and view SMU games from the press box. "How come?" is an often repeated query. Barbara explains it simply: "I've always been crazy over sports." Now a senior at SMU, Barbara was sports editor of the Ocala (Fla.) High School newspaper, and editor of the student paper at Virginia Intermont College. She also has covered the Florida State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament, spends summers reporting sports for the Ocala paper, and plans after graduation to make a career of it—even though few women enter the field. A member of First Methodist Church in Ocala, MYF, and a youth-choir member, Barbara also has reported for SMU's Wesley Foundation.

SPORTS SPECIALIST: Barbara Simmers talks to sports star.

EDUCATED BY DEGREES: Dr. Daniel L. Marsh in Chapel, where trustees have placed his 27 diplomas.

HONOR HOLDER. Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, chancellor and former president of Boston University, recently received a special citation recognizing the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the university's School of Theology. Dr. Marsh, with 27 academic degrees from colleges and universities in Europe and America, is an outstanding businessman-administrator as well as a clergyman. During his 25 years as president, Boston University enrollment rose from 9,000 to 34,000, and a new campus overlooking the Charles River was developed. In his honor, trustees named the new chapel the Daniel L. Marsh Chapel. As a Methodist, Dr. Marsh was a General Conference delegate 10 times, and for 32 years was a member of the General Board of Education.

MIDMONTH POWWOW

Here's a penetrating question and a two-phased answer from two qualified men—a Methodist bishop and a layman who has served as president of the National Education Association.

Why Don't Methodists

Methodist Postal System Just as Logical,

Says Francis Gerald Ensley
Bishop, Iowa Area, The Methodist Church

Bishop Ensley is vice-chairman of t Methodist Commission on Education a supervises 930 Iowa Methodist church

THE REASON we Methodists do not have parochial schools is probably that it never really occurred to us! The Roman Catholics are committed to the system, and some Lutherans and a few other churches have schools for children.

The great growth of The Methodist Church, however, coincides with the rise of the public school in the 19th century. We have never learned to look on the school as a competitor or possible object of conquest. But with the breaching of the wall of separation between church and state by parochial schools in latter years—their winning of transportation, health services, and free textbooks for students, at public expense—the question is bound to emerge: Why shouldn't any Protestant church, we 10 million American Methodists for instance, get in on it and take up parochial education?

Certainly public-school education is not above criticism, religiously speaking. The public school claims to be neutral in matters of faith. But when it teaches English, history, arithmetic, chemistry, and health and leaves out the Bible, what does the omission suggest to any perceptive student but that the Christian religion is unimportant?

On the positive side, think what we might accomplish religiously if our church had children under its influence 30 hours a week instead of one! Yet the values of denominational furtherance would be outweighed by three others:

1. *The value of education.* A Methodist wants the best possible preparation for his son and daughter, and he looks to education as the means. No parish church, small in size and dependent on voluntary contributions, can hope to compete in material resources with a state's taxing power.

Money buys not only buildings, laboratories, and gymnasiums; it also buys teachers. Roman Catholic schools get by because they have thousands of priests and nuns teaching for their keep. Without such orders a Protestant church would be in hopeless competition in the teaching market.

The parochial school is not only surpassed by the public school in financial support, but it is defective in its educational concept. The parochial school stands for indoctrination. It aims not at learning but at training. Its ideal is not mental development but thought control. The public school stands for free inquiry. It aims not so much to impose dogma as to evoke thought and discover truth, thereby encouraging what Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes called "free trade in ideas." Whatever virtue parochialism may have religiously, it is not education.

2. *The value of American ways.* Methodists are Americans before they are Methodists. I do not say that they are Americans before they are Christians or that they put Caesar above God. The Methodist Church has had its quota of conscientious objectors. I mean that to us the welfare of our country comes properly before the furtherance of our denomination. We know, too, that if the ideals of a democratic society such as ours are destroyed our church will be destroyed along with the

A parochial school is divisive. It not a training ground in the hab of community but inculcates the fe ing of separation. It is difficult children set apart in separate est lishments not to develop a consciou ness of difference and a suspicion each other's way of life. And sepa tion, like segregation in every for carries overtones of superiority whi threaten the fundamental classle ness of the truly democratic socie Democracy builds on the basic o ness of rich and poor, black a white, learned and ignorant, Der crat and Republican, Jewish, Cat lic and Protestant. Parochialism p licizes and exalts their differences

Historically considered, the di ive character of the parochial sch was the compelling reason for rise of the public-school system. T first elementary schools in Ame were Protestant parochial scho Until the 1840s town and city gove ments commonly distributed pu funds for their use. In 1840 Roman Catholics petitioned the N

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Have Parochial Schools?

We Have Public Schools: Let's Back Them!

Says John Lester Buford
Superintendent, City Schools, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Dr. Buford, who headed NEA in 1955-56, has two sons and a daughter, has been a Sunday-school teacher 19 years.

TO ANSWER the question simply, I would say that Methodists don't have parochial schools because "We weren't brought up that way."

Let me cite a bit of history. The Pilgrim Fathers in New England were devoutly committed to Congregationalism as a state religion. In Virginia, the Anglicans (Episcopalians) did make their church the state church—until democratic-minded men who have their place in history under the polysyllabic label of "disestablishmentarianists" abolished the tie under the leadership of Thomas Jefferson. Indeed, Jefferson equated that achievement in his epitaph, which he wrote himself, with starting the University of Virginia and authoring the Declaration of Independence.

In England, church had been linked with school, so the pattern of what we now call parochial schools was quite naturally followed in the early colonies. But at Dedham, in Massachusetts, a remarkable thing happened in 1644. Citizens voted for a school supported by taxes levied on the whole community—the first public school in this country. They regarded education as the moral as well as financial responsibility of all, not a few.

Now, enter the Methodists. The Methodist Episcopal Church was formally organized in 1784, three years before the Constitution was signed. And the growth of Methodism roughly coincides with the development of public schools in the new republic. Methodists were active in starting private academies (high schools), as Dr. John O. Gross has noted in these columns [see *Methodists Still Start Colleges,* October, page 24] but they disappeared as towns could and would shoulder tax burdens for public schools. Some were upgraded as colleges and universities. So it was that Methodism grew with the public-school system.

We believe with Dr. James Bryant Conant, former president of Harvard, that the "first-rate comprehensive high school" is the ideal for America. In his book, *Education and Liberty* (Harvard, $3), he states this clearly:

"More than one foreign observer has remarked that . . . free schools where the future doctor, lawyer, professor, politician . . . labor leader, and manual worker have studied and played together . . . are an American invention. That such schools should be maintained and made even more democratic and comprehensive seems to me to be essential for the future of the republic."

Methodists believe in public schools because they represent no particular segment of society or single point of view. They seek to present the facts, then lead students to arrive at conclusions based on all available information.

It would be a tragedy if America's educational system were ever fractionized for religious reasons—or any reason. I was glad to hear that the Virginia Conference has voted to refuse use of its church buildings for segregated schools if public schools should be closed because of integration.

There always has been, and always will be, a place for special schools, private or otherwise. But certainly it is the public schools that are the answer to the educational needs of the nation as a whole. Being committed to them, we must strengthen them.

One problem is how to keep God in the classroom. The Constitution's Bill of Rights guarantees religious liberty and, by implication, bans sectarian instruction in public schools. State laws vary.

An example of church and school co-operation is the weekday church school program initiated in 1913, which now releases an estimated four million children of all faiths from public schools in many communities to attend weekday religious classes once a week. This type of program deserves further study, for schools and churches must work together.

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc., recently warned: "Our schools are overcrowded, understaffed, and ill-equipped. The danger of a decline in the quality of our corps of teachers is obvious . . . Virtually every subject in the curriculum would profit by a lively reform movement of the

sort now going on in physics and mathematics teaching."

This isn't news to educators—we have been struggling amidst public apathy, with inadequate funds, for far too long. But it burst with chilling impact on the public along with Sputnik I.

Russia knows knowledge is power. In 1954 she trained 53,000 engineers to the U.S.'s 24,000. Her schools average one teacher for every 17.3 pupils —compared to one for every 26.9 in ours.

Why is this so alarming? To quote Jefferson—"Any nation that expects to be ignorant and free at the same time expects what never has been and never will be."

We are determining today the kind of government we want for our country. Complacency is democracy's deadly enemy. To talk and not act is just as dangerous, and is exactly what many states are doing today in education.

The so-called "crash program" which seeks to do what the Communists are doing—but, of course, to do it better—will, inevitably give us only better Communism.

The very fact that a child claims the United States as his home should guarantee him a strong teacher. The gifted child, who can be the scientist, thinker, dreamer of tomorrow, must have equally gifted teachers.

But if we are going to have this kind of teacher, they will have to be assured of certain things:

They must have good tenure laws —the kind that will protect them from unjust dismissal but never secure mediocrity in positions. They must have decent working conditions, modern tools. They should not have to spend time on the trivial—they should have time to teach! Salaries should be high enough to attract teachers whose first choice of a profession is teaching—who are well trained and willing to grow. Without them, new classrooms would be useless, a curriculum that keeps pace with ever-widening knowledge impossible.

Education is so important today that it can scarcely be adequately supported in any way other than by public taxation. To this way most Americans are committed. How can we help public education face up to its needs and opportunities?

The Methodist General Board of Education has some specific recommendations for us:

1. Work through pulpit ministry, the Commission on Education, study groups, and other appropriate means to keep alert to matters affecting the public schools.

2. Encourage the most qualified people in the community to be available for membership on school boards and committees.

3. Raise adequate budgets.

4. Secure the best available teachers, facilities, and curriculums.

5. Participate in PTA organizations, citizens advisory groups, and other agencies seeking school betterment.

6. Maintain such relationships with local school boards and committees that they will know they are being given strong support in behalf of a better school program.*

How important is this support? Let's hear from Dr. Conant again: "If the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, it may well be that the ideological struggle with Communism in the next 50 years will be won on the playing fields of the public high schools of the United States."

* For complete statement of the Methodist Board of Education, write: Church and Public School Relations, Box 871, Nashville 2.

Ensley, *continued*

York legislature for aid to their schools, which under the prevailing practice they had every right to do. The ensuing quarrel was so bitter, the wells of the political community so poisoned, that the legislature decided that thereafter no funds were to be given to any school in which "any religious sectarian doctrine or tenet should be taught, inculcated, or practiced."

A democracy rests on two premises: majority rule and tolerance by the majority of the rights of the minority. A parochial school harmonizes with neither. Granted, a Methodist parochial school would not have to be authoritarian. But if we want democracy, why not stay with the democratic public schools we have?

Nor does a parochial approach to education tend to encourage tolerance of minority viewpoints. The assumption on which a parochial school system is reared is that it has *the* truth; otherwise it might as well remain within the public school system.

3. *The values of our Protestant heritage.* A further reason why parochial schools appear unnecessary to a thoughtful Methodist is that the distinctive articles of his Protestant creed do not require separate schools for their furtherance. We believe that we are saved, not by the number of our good works—because having done all we are still unprofitable servants—but by our faith in a merciful and forgiving God who accepts the intent for the deed. In common with other Protestants we hold to "the priesthood of all believers," the notion that every consecrated soul, minister or layman, has direct access to God through Christ. This stands in contrast to the view which makes a man's relations to God depend upon his relation to his church. That type of piety practically requires parochial education, as ours does not.

Once more, we Methodists, like our Protestant brethren, affirm the sacredness of the secular. All life is divine if its motive is God's service. As Luther once put it, a scullery maid faithful to her kitchen duties is as religious as a knight upon a sacred pilgrimage. A father such as the sire described in Burns' *The Cotter's Saturday Night* is as truly engaged in God's work as a clergyman.

The subjects in a public-school curriculum, dealing with God's creation are religious when regarded religiously. When the late L. P. Jacks was asked when the public schools teach religion, he replied, "We teach it all day long. We teach it in arithmetic by accuracy. We teach it in language by learning to say what we mean. We teach it in history by humanity. We teach it in geography by breadth of mind. We teach it in handicraft by thoroughness. We teach it in astronomy by reverence. We teach it on the playground by fair play."

In the light of a superior public school system which we possess, and the needs both of American democracy and Protestant piety, a Methodist parochial-system would seem to deserve a very low priority. Educationally speaking, we need a Methodist parochial-system about as badly as a Methodist postal system.

Triumphant defeat inspires a beloved hymn . . .

'Fast Falls the Eventide'

By DORON K. ANTRIM

Henry Lyte

IT WAS midafternoon that Sunday in 1847 when the Rev. Henry Francis Lyte sank wearily onto the bench in his garden overlooking the English Channel. It had been a fine autumn day, and now the sun spread a path of shimmering gold from horizon to shore.

But even in this familiar setting, where he often had found strength and inspiration, the minister was depressed. That morning he had preached his last sermon in the little parish church he had served for 30 years. Soon his affairs would be settled and he would leave for France. His doctor said he had only a short time to live—he was 54—and must go to a better climate.

Often after preaching he sought out this refuge. This time he tarried long, and gradually his spirits began to lift as they invariably did when he came to this sanctuary.

Watching the sun's reflection dance on the water, he thought of those comforting words from Luke: "Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." Suddenly the word "abide" caught him up. Why, it was the simple answer to discouragement, despair, fear! Just abide with God!

Then he felt it—a sudden warmth as though his whole body was suffused with the sunset. He rose to his feet, impulsively lifted his hands to the heavens. As though impelled by an unseen hand, he strode into his study. Still bathed in the inner glow of the sunset, he wrote, "Abide with me; fast falls the eventide . . ."

Five verses flowed from his pen to the paper, 20 lines of the faith and love this man had for God in the twilight of his life. When he finished he felt a deep sense of peace. "Thank God," he breathed. This, he knew, was the inspiration he had been waiting for.

A few days later he departed for France where he made the final revision of the hymn. Here are three stanzas of it as it appears in *The Methodist Hymnal:*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can fail the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Thro' cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Mr. Lyte died in Nice that same year, on November 20, 1847. But his hymn lived on. Its appeal to worshipers grew with the years. From England it found its way to many countries and translations.

Countless times it has given courage to soldiers in battle, to men and women facing death on the seas. Through the years it has served as a beacon light to humanity in time of despair.

It steeled the will of the British Tommy on the beaches of Dunkerque. A chaplain recalled: "Once I remember taking a service while the shells screamed over us at Ypres. And as the men were singing *Abide With Me,* one fell short, landing not two yards away—a dud." When the RMS *Stella* was sinking in World War II, a woman on the bridge started singing *Abide With Me.* Others, catching up the familiar words, went down bravely. It was one of the songs that floated from the doomed *Titanic* as it went down in the Atlantic in 1912. And Edith Cavell, the nurse who stood without a tremor before a German firing squad in 1915, died with the song on her lips. Even football fans sing it at the annual Cup Tie match, Wembley Stadium, London.

Time and time again, this hymn has brought a sunset glow to life's darkest hour—just as it brought a radiance to the darkening days of Henry Francis Lyte.

These are my eyes. I am thankful
I can see everythink and I love to read.
I had to have an operation on my eyes
and they were bandaged for five days I
have to Wear glasses with special lenses
but I am so happy that I can see.
Kathy Ann Wilson
I am 8 years old
Harrison, Nebraska
I go to Sunday School at the
Memorial Methodist Church in Harrison

With Grateful Hearts...

TV COWBOYS AND SPACEMEN may seem mighty exciting to youngsters in the Sputnik era, but when November rolls around Pilgrims still capture their share of the enthusiasm—and the season of giving thanks is yet to be dubbed old-fashioned. Some children told us so.

A year ago we invited our Small Fry readers to send us crayon drawings of the things for which they were most thankful. No sooner had the invitation been published than the envelopes began to pour into our office—big ones and little ones, crayon-addressed and finger-smudged. By deadline time, three weeks later, we had been pleasantly overwhelmed by 1,803 drawings from boys and girls in all parts of the country!

Each drawing was different; each child had something special to say. There were pictures of grandmas, a baby brother named Walt, grass "to go barefooted in," and a daddy who had been sick "but is well now."

One thing we learned from the drawings was that, in a child's world, nothing is so small that it is unimportant, taken for granted. "I am thankful for my red ribbon," wrote a girl named Wyness. And five-year-old Johnny in New York explained, "I am thankful for my beans because they are growing so well."

The drawings also revealed that few things are prized more highly by youngsters than their homes and families. "I like my house," said one seven-year-old, "because it is warm and snuggly and it's got beds and toys and the rest of my family." Another young artist carefully drew pictures of each member of his family, wrote their heights above them, and printed clearly, "I am thankful for 28 feet and 9 inches of family!"

We looked at all 1,803 drawings and read the comments printed on the back of them. When we were finished, Thanksgiving meant more to us than it ever had before. And so we decided to share some of our treasures.

We on the staff of TOGETHER hope your Thanksgiving will be enriched by this sampling of "thankful" drawings by children with grateful hearts—children who have something to share with the grown-up world which forgets and doubts and takes for granted so often. —RUTH A. MURRAY

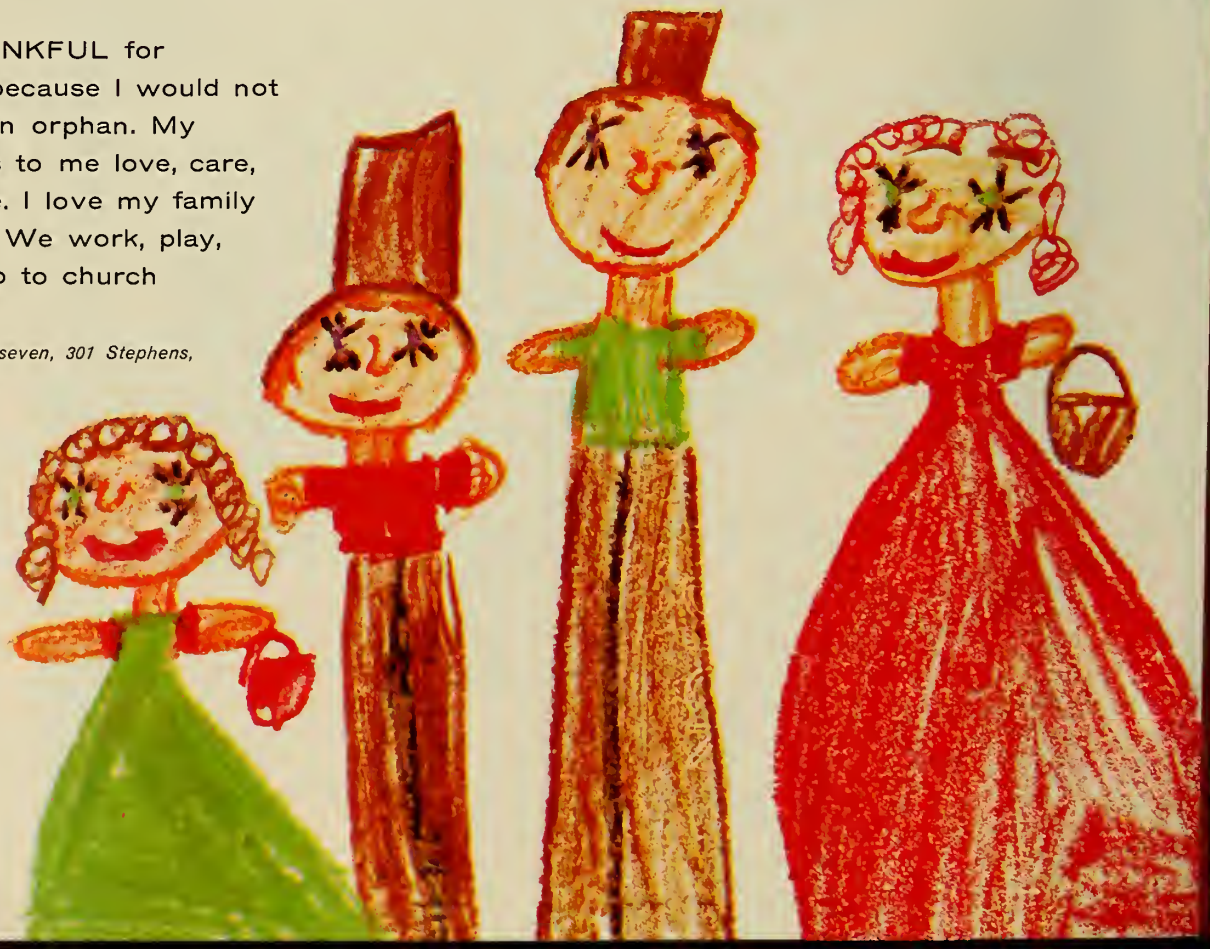
I AM THANKFUL FOR MY MOMMY AND DADDY AND MY HOME AND CAR.
I AM THANKFUL THAT GOD MADE ME. JAY LORING LANDERS. AGE 7½
3312 OLEANDA AVE. LOUISVILLE 15, KY. I ATTEND WEST BROADWAY METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

"I AM THANKFUL for my grandma and grandpa because they always teach me things when I go to their house. The drawing shows my grandpa in his study room where he is cleaning his glasses."

—Jonathan Stoos Bartlett, eight, 6133 Warwood Rd., Lakewood, Calif.

"I AM THANKFUL for my family because I would not like to be an orphan. My family gives to me love, care, and a home. I love my family very much. We work, play, pray and go to church together."

—Jane Sanders, seven, 301 Stephens, Natchitoches, La.



"I AM THANKFUL for my Teddy Bear because he makes such nice music for me. And he is just the right size for me."

—Barbara Ann Rothfuss, four, 717 Spencer St., Van Wert, Ohio.

"I AM THANKFUL for the farm. This is a picture of the farm. I am thankful for the farm because all of us get the food we eat from there."

—Carol Geiger, seven, 908 Oakwood Dr., Jefferson City, Mo.

What I Am Thankful For. This picture of the Baby Jesus u
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dale Methodist Church.

I AM THANXFUL
FOR JESUS BECAUSE
HE LOVED LITTLE
CHILDREN.

CAROLINE LAVIELLE
515 ESTELLE
FERGUSON 21, MO.

"I AM THANKFUL for the church where I go to worship and also attend Sunday School. I am thankful for my home where I feel safe and I am thankful for school where I go to learn."

—Linda Bell, seven, Dihedral Dr., Baltimore, Md.

"I AM THANKFUL
for rain that comes down
and makes the flowers grow. I'm
thankful for all the many other
things that God makes grow
for us after it rains."

—Tana Spangler, six, 750 Main St., Reisterstown, Md.

"I AM THANKFUL for nature and I am thankful for wildlife such as birds, bees, raccoons, horses and moose and other wild creatures. So that is why I drew a picture of a horse."

—John Benson Rood, 270 Buckhout St., Irvington, N. Y.

"I AM THANKFUL that we can go camping because it is fun to live out-of-doors and wake up with the birds singing. This is my family tenting by the Saint Croix River. That is my brother Timmy with the fish."

—Barbara Pieh, eight, Perham, Minn.

I am thankful for the church. Because we Pray and sing together.
Vicki Lynn Maresh. Age 7. 281 Kraft street. Berea Methodist church. Berea, Ohio.

Teens Together

with ex-teen-ager
Dr. Richmond Barbour

Dr. and Mrs. Barbour with son Richmond, daughters Mary (left) and Ellen. A third daughter is married.

Q *I'm a junior in high school. I've gone out with several girls. They have wanted to go steady. I don't like the idea. They say I'm a freak. Do you think I am?—C.H.*

A You're no freak. Until recently few teen-agers went steady. Now it's a fad. Get the leaflet, *Going Steady Pros and Cons,* by the Youth Department of The Methodist Church, PO Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Q *I'm 17 and have three younger sisters. They have better figures than mine. Will my figure bother me all my life?—J.H.*

A This is much more of a problem to you now than it will be later. Fashions change. You'll have your day.

Q *I'm almost 17 and married to a man of 21. He is in the service, stationed overseas. I will have a baby in six months. I have been living with my stepmother. She did not want us to marry. She scolds me for being pregnant. I could join my husband. She says I should stay so she can take care of the baby. Don't you think my husband and I should be together?—V.M.*

A When possible, all husbands and wives should be together. Would good hospital facilities and good living quarters be available overseas? Are you strong enough for the trip? If so, join him.

Q *I'm a boy of 15. My brother is 16. Next year we'll be in the same school. He's stronger than I am and more popular. He's always pushed me around, especially at school. My folks favor him, too. Do you suppose I could go to some other school so I could stay away from him?—G.A.*

A It may be possible. Have your parents ask your principal. Did you know that all brothers are rivals while they're young? And that each child sometimes thinks the others are favored? Be patient. You and your brother will live more peacefully in a year or so.

Q *I'm 15; my boy friend is 16. We are not in love, but we have dated several times. When my parents learned of his bad reputation they cracked down. We can't go out together again. They don't know him as well as I do. He really wants to be good. I'm sure I could help him. Aren't I old enough to be trusted?—P.C.*

A You are old enough to be trusted in most things, but you should accept your parents' decision. They know how quickly a serious crush could develop. They don't want you to risk falling for a boy who may be the wrong sort. As they see it, important matters are at stake. Try to understand.

Q *I'm 13. One year ago I began having epileptic attacks. I blank out, but it only lasts a few seconds. I'm scared. What kind of doctor should I see?—A.R.*

A Start with your family doctor. If he doesn't stop the attacks, ask him to refer you to a neurologist or a psychiatrist with a special interest in epilepsy. More than three fourths of the people with epilepsy are able to control it with medicine.

Q *I'm 14. I've been in bed at home for over a year. I'm better now and will start school soon. I'll be two terms behind and going to a new school. I want to have many friends. How does one make friends?—C.C.*

A Being friendly. Remember the names of the kids you meet. Remember what they say and the subjects they are interested in. When you are

Looks at movies

By Harry C. Spencer
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● *Films are rated for audience suitability. Also, the symbols (+) and (—) provide "yes" or "no" answers to the question: Do the ethical standards in the film in general provide constructive entertainment?*

The Old Man and the Sea: Adult (+) Youth (+)

Ernest Hemingway's story of the old fisherman with dreams of an adventurous past but a dreary present, making a precarious living from the sea, receives excellent screen adaptation. It is a drama of courage, beautifully expressed by Spencer Tracy as the Old Man who fights with a great fish, and comes home, spent, with only its skeleton. The boy he has befriended remains faithful in adversity.

White Wilderness: Family (+)

Another accomplishment is added to the true life adventures produced by Walt Disney: an excursion into the far North. Forbidding glaciers, treacherous icebergs, swift and dark waters are the backgrounds for observing polar bears, walruses, a family of wolves, lemmings, as well as migratory and predatory birds. Color is excellent.

The Defiant Ones: Adults (+)

Tony Curtis and Sidney Poitier are the main actors of this strong social study involving two prisoners escaping from a work gang. From deep innate antagonism because of the color of their skins to eventual realization of their belonging to the human race as brothers in misfortune, they undergo attempted escape, danger, suffering from the rigors of nature and man's inhumanity. Serious, tense, well acted.

Me and the Colonel: Adults (+)

Danny Kaye departs from his usual exuberant merrymaking to portray a patient, kind, resigned but resourceful Polish refugee during the French debacle of 1940. Curt Jurgens is the overbearing colonel who lets nothing interfere with his amorous pursuits and his indulgence for strong drink. His pronounced anti-Semitism declines by the time they escape to England. There are some regrettable drinking episodes.

The Fly: Adult (—)

Science-fiction suggests a new and terrifying possibility: atomic dispersion and reconstitution of living creatures. In this case, Al Hedison informs Patricia Owens, his wife, that he is experimenting along this line—on insects then himself. Something goes wrong and he implores her to destroy the monster resulting from the metamorphosis. A fantastic tale, well told.

The Reluctant Debutante: Adults (+) Youth (+)

Rex Harrison and Kay Kendall are the father and stepmother of Sandra Dee, a marriageable young lady in London. The ruses to which ladies resort to attract attention of eligible bachelors provide a lively plot, a spirited battle of wits, a continuous whirl of balls, and cocktail parties in elegant surroundings. Comedy is on a light, occasionally sophisticated note. Fortunately, Sandra meets John Saxon, a nice American drummer who is really a count, so everybody is happy.

A Tale of Two Cities: Adult (+) Youth (—)

Charles Dickens' story is well adapted to the screen in a condensed but interesting version. Here, we see the love of Sidney Carton (Dirk Bogarde) for Lucie Manette (Dorothy Tutin) given in sacrifice for the life of a man she eventually marries and who is destined for the guillotine by the French people who have suffered from the cruelty of his aristocratic relative. Thus, the French Revolution is personalized in two small groups. Inhumane acts are a minus feature of this picture.

Dunkirk: Adult (+) Youth (+)

This war drama recounts the evacuation of British forces from France in the spring of 1940 as the Germans advanced to the channel. The story focuses on a small detachment of sappers led by John Mills whose duty is to blow up bridges to retard the enemy's advance and on a motorboat manned by Richard Attenborough. This is war in anxiety but also in courage. Excellent acting.

with them again, start the ball rolling by asking about things you know interest them. Don't be critical or selfish. If possible, wear the clothes which are popular. Join a couple of clubs. Volunteer for committee work. Be active in church and go to MYF meetings regularly.

Q *My mother and father chaperoned a dance. My girl and I attended. I guess we were too noisy. My dad told us to go home. Now he says I can't go to another dance for a month. Is that fair?—N.B.*

A I believe it is. What you did must have embarrassed your folks. Try not to complain—next time be more careful.

Q *I've been in love with a boy three years. I am 17 and he's 18. He dates one other girl for a time, then comes back to me. He says she gives him what he doesn't get from me. I'd die if I lost him. But I still don't weaken and do what he wants. Am I right?—D.I.*

A Indeed you are. Since your boy friend keeps coming back to you you can be sure you are the one he really cares for. He respects you, too. All your life you'll be glad that you have not weakened.

Q *I'm 14. Recently my mother scolded me. Afterward she tried to kiss me and make up, but I pulled away. She thought I meant I didn't love her and she cried. Today she told me that maybe she won't be here long. I think she is planning to divorce my father and move away. Am I to blame?—W.W.*

A No. The incident of the kiss might bother her for a little while, but that would be all. Ask her about it.

Q *I know a boy who is crippled and has a bad disposition. He is always hitting and saying nasty things. He wants to go steady with me. I know we should be especially kind to crippled people, but I can't make myself like him. As a Christian, should I go steady with him anyway?—A.T.*

A I'm glad you understand that crippled folks need special con-

sideration. You should be kind, considerate, patient. However, I do not think you should be expected to go steady with any boy you do not like. It would be unfair to both of you.

Q *I'm an orphan, a ward of the county, and live in a foster home. I'm 17½. In six months I'll be independent. My foster mother says as long as I'm with her she has the right to read and censor or destroy any mail I send or receive. I don't mind her reading the letters, but I can't agree that she should throw them away or change them. Is she fair?—H.L.*

A You are right. Yet, I hope you won't make a big issue over this. Soon you'll be on your own. In the meantime, if your foster mother can't compromise, probably you should give in for now.

Q *My sister is selfish. She is 19 and goes out every night. I'm 16 and have to stay home with our mother who isn't well. One of us has to stay with her. I want to go to parties, too. What can I do?—T.S.*

A Force yourself to stay calm while you talk with your sister. If you get mad, she'll get mad, too. She should see that you deserve a chance to go out, too. If you can't convince her, ask your dad to arbitrate.

Q *I moved here a month ago. Where I used to live everybody swore. Here the kids don't. The crowd I would like to go with won't have anything to do with me because I talk dirty. How can I prove to them I'm just as good as they are?—L.I.*

A Best way would be to watch your language. Keep taking part in Sunday school and MYF activities. Try not to push yourself, and stop swearing. It shouldn't be hard to win them over.

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TROUBLED TEENS: *Dr. Barbour, head of the public-school counseling service in San Diego, Calif., is ready to help you with your problems—just as he has helped hundreds of others in the past. Write him c/o* TOGETHER, *740 N. Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill. Names and addresses of teens are treated as confidential.*—EDS.

Dr. Nall Answers Questions About

Your Faith and Your Church

What about the preacher's fees?

Most Methodist ministers frown on the giving and accepting of fees—at least, from members of the church. The assumption is that such members already support the church and are, therefore, entitled to its services. [See *How Do Ministers Feel About Fees?,* January, 1957, page 46.]

Most ministers accept fees from outsiders, but increasingly they are accepted for the church, not for the ministers.

Take weddings, for instance. There are the problems of heat and light and janitor service (even though throwing rice at the church door is no longer fashionable). There is also the service of the organist to be considered. With funerals it is more difficult because the funeral director often adds the fee to his bill and then he pays the minister.

But there is no fee for any sacramental service. The Council of Trullo (692 A.D.) included Canon 23, which specifies that "No one . . . shall exact . . . fees of any kind. For grace is not to be sold, nor do we give the sanctification of the Holy Spirit for money." In Methodist belief, the sacraments are "certain signs of grace, and God's will toward us." Certainly acceptance for his own use of a fee for Baptism or for Holy Communion would be absolutely unthinkable for any Methodist minister.

Can our praying help others?

That depends—mainly on what we think prayer really is. Obviously, it is not a gimmick by which we "work" God, even for the benefit of somebody else. It is a creative encounter with God, and when we pray about and for others, with love and understanding and for their "greatest good," we always can be confident that God answers and does act in their lives.

How?

First, we know that God will not be influenced against his will. But he has limited himself, sharing, as he does, many tasks with us and making us co-workers with him. So, he waits on our prayers before acting sometimes.

Besides, the "best possible" and "greatest good" vary for different people at different times. God knows; we don't. Surely Jesus was right when he said, "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him?"

Furthermore, we may be sure that honest prayer always creates a new situation for those for whom we pray. As Edward W. Bauman has pointed out in *Intercessory Prayer,* "When we pray, attitudes change, interests and desires are directed along new lines, new channels are opened, and new spiritual forces are released."

Yes, intercessory prayer helps.

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Light Unto My Path

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WEEKLY MEDITATIONS BY PASTORS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

OCTOBER 19

Then I said, "Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God," as it is written of me in the roll of the book.—Hebrews 10:7

THE WRITER of Hebrews could not have chosen a more apt quotation to apply to our Lord than this portion of Psalm 40. To Jesus the only way of life was to yield to the will of God. As a youth, he expressed his devotion to that will when he said to Mary and Joseph, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And when he was a young adult his words, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me . . . ," gave evidence to his singleness of purpose.

It was our Lord's wondrous obedience to God that caused Paul to cry out in ecstasy, "though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross."

Think of it! The eternal Son of God was willing to be born into the family of man so that the sons of men might be born into the family of God!

Our Lord himself said, "I seek not my own will, but the will of him who sent me." Let us, like Jesus, yield ourselves, our souls, and our bodies as living sacrifices unto God, crying fervently out of a pure heart, "Not my will, but thine, be done!"

Prayer: O thou loving God whose will it is that none should perish, but that all should find life in thy Son, so teach us to will to do thy will that we may be delivered from our self-centeredness, to the end that we may have the mind of Christ and yield ourselves wholly unto thee. We ask it in the name of God our Savior, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—DUANE EDWARD SPENCER

OCTOBER 26

For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.—Hebrews 2:18

AFTER much feasting and singing at a service-club barbecue, a night-club entertainer went into her routine. Her songs have long since been forgotten, but part of her act remains fresh in my memory. At each musical interlude she would walk up and down and taunt her audience with a single word, "Suffer!" I suffered, but it was my musical and artistic senses which took the beating. The point is, however, our undiscerning artist had stumbled upon a Bible truth most of us have missed. Temptation is inseparably yoked with suffering!

We have become preoccupied with the suffering Jesus endured on the cross for our redemption. Hebrews 2:18 opens up a whole new frontier. Could it be that enduring the pain of the cross was less arduous than the suffering he endured through temptation? It helps us to manage our temptations to know that Jesus suffered them, too.

There are only two ways to handle temptations. One is to yield; the other, resist. There is suffering either way. Our times are such that physical suffering for the sake of the Kingdom is a remote possibility. But there is no lack of opportunity to suffer for the sake of decency, sobriety, honesty, and to defend the weak, the downtrodden, and the dispossessed. Perhaps, if there were a clearer understanding of the redemptive power of this kind of suffering, there would be many who would be yoked with Christ.

Prayer: Help us to see thee, O Christ, in all thy encounters with life and to be sensitive enough to our opportunities to speak and to act in thy name. Amen.

—JOYCE WESLEY FARR

NOVEMBER 2

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.
—Mark 1:15

A SCOTTISH nobleman had life's time schedule all figured out: "There are 20 years to grow up, 20 years to make my fortune; 20 years to live in pleasure, and 10 years in which to repent and get ready to die."

Jesus made a direct thrust into this philosophy of life in the parable of the farmer who built bigger barns to house his abundant harvests. Just as the contented farmer was ready to "eat, drink, be merry" in his abundant materialism, the rude awakening came in the warning, "This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

There is an immediacy and an urgency about the Gospel that cannot be denied. It is true that the kingdom of God may work as

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gradually and quietly as leaven works in dough, but it is also true that the kingdom of God was act and deed and judgment incarnated in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. A new moment arrived in history with his coming. Jesus was warning, "Today is the day. Now is the time! Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Even though Jesus spoke these thoughts at a particular place and in a particular time in history, they are eternally contemporary words. The kingdom of God is always here! Repentance and faith are ever in order.

Prayer: O God, may we this day and every day, be prepared to repent and believe in the Gospel. Make us aware that thy Kingdom is always near at hand. Amen.

—Clarence E. Ploch

NOVEMBER 9

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.—Matthew 5:13-14

RETURNING from one of our mission fields, I reported to my church the conditions I had found, describing the poverty and the hunger for the better things of life. I told of my distress in having to leave the new Christians without pastoral care or a place to worship.

At the close of the service a 12-year-old boy gave me $1 and asked me to send it to these people. The following Sunday I told my congregation what this boy had done. During the week a group of men voluntarily made up a purse which was large enough to build a chapel and school for the people among whom I had preached. When the people there heard the story, they named their chapel Brooks Stuart Chapel for the boy who gave his only dollar.

Because of our position as the wealthiest nation, we should consider our responsibilities.

We cannot long enjoy world peace and security without a sustained interest in the material and spiritual welfare of the masses abroad who are dear to the heart of God. The price of maintaining our position as the greatest of world powers comes high. We must not only share the material prosperity which is ours, but in all our relationships with other nations, all our actions must reflect the humility, patience, and understanding of Jesus. All this is not easily achieved. May God help us to measure up to our responsibility.

Prayer: Our Father, enable us to understand that all men everywhere are thy children and that thou dost love all others as thou dost love us. Grant that we may have the compassion of Jesus and let thy light shine through us to others. If it be thy will, help us to be faithful shepherds, always doing thy will. Amen.

—J. F. Lupo

NOVEMBER 16

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.—Matthew 9:35

A CARD which crossed my desk recently carried this caption: "There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting somebody up."

We need to remind ourselves that a Christian is a man to whom God has entrusted all other men. This is brought forcibly to our minds as we read our Scripture: "Jesus went about all the cities and villages. . . ."

By his standards the world was something to be loved, to give everything for, it was something to be redeemed from the destructiveness of evil, measured on Calvary. Do we measure the world so, today?

We sing: "Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."

If that is our conception of discipleship, then we are saying that all the suns and stars and satellites that fill infinite space are of inferior worth to one human spirit. This is a daring faith. But if it is not true, our Christianity is indeed false.

Our task, in the light of the compassion of Jesus shown in our Scripture, is to say to this broken, sick world, "With Christ there is a tomorrow for all of us. Will you let us share with you his healing spirit and saving power?"

Prayer: Grant unto us, O God, the willingness to be servants of Christ our Lord, so that we may have restored to this earth the glory of his salvation. May that spirit which was in him be in us as we go forth to serve in his name. Amen.

—Warren S. Bainbridge

F-i-r-e-! Oregon Volunteer Infantry in Spanish-American War. The photograph is from The Splendid Little War.

Barnabas takes

Looks at New Books

SOMEHOW, several of the major events in our nation's past never seem to catch on among our amateur historians. We have Civil War buffs by the thousands—but how many Americans devote their leisure to reliving the Spanish-American War? It was that short-lived conflict which put the U.S. on the path to world power. Writers seem to have slighted this "splendid little war," as John Hay described it to Theodore Roosevelt, so I welcome **Frank Freidel's** *The Splendid Little War* (Little, Brown, $8.50).

It's a fascinating combination of on-the-spot photos and drawings, held together with text which brings alive the issues and the men who fought them out. Then, as now, there was rivalry between the branches of the armed services; then, as now, top brass blundered and GIs paid the price in blood. I concluded that, although the uniforms have changed, the problems of GI Joe have remained about the same.

The best way to help people is to show them how to help themselves. It's the only way that lasts, and it's the system a dynamic young woman is using to help villagers in her native Persia (Iran) build a better life for themselves. Yet this new life preserves the essence of ancient Persian culture.

As the eighth child of the tutor-adviser to the last of the Kajar kings, Najmeh Najafi had her own fine cultural heritage. At 18 she showed her independent spirit by opening a dress salon for the most important ladies of Teheran. But from childhood she had dreamed of helping the country people of Persia improve their lot. This dream led her to the United States for two years of study, then back to Persia and the hill village of Sarbandan, where people still lived in the ways of their grandfathers.

Reveille for a Persian Village by **Najmeh Najafi** and **Helen Hinckley** (Harper, $4) is a wise, witty, wonderfully alive book about the adventures of "the Lady Najafi," as the natives called her, in Sarbandan and other villages to which her work spread. Armed with love, intelligence, determination, and with very little money but great powers of persuasion, she set up clinics, fought and won a battle for sanitation, and coaxed the fathers into giving land for a girls' school. She re-educated the women in native handicrafts as she taught them to read and write, and trained teachers and assistants to carry on and extend her work. She even became secretary of the village council, an unheard-of honor for a woman in Persia.

Through her work in the village she met and married Shapoor Mozaffari, a technical expert with the Near East Foundation. Both now have been drafted by their government to show more villagers the way to the 20th century.

Simply told, moving, with human insight—these words perhaps best describe my reactions to *With a Task Before Me* (Dodd, Mead, $3), the fourth volume of a Lincoln biography being written by **Virginia S. Eifert.** The author, who has lived all her life in Springfield, Ill., the heart of the Lincoln country, is a writer-editor who has devoted much of her career to bringing the great wartime leader alive again on the printed page.

Her latest volume carries Lincoln from a gangling volunteer soldier in the Black Hawk War to president-elect of his strife-torn country. When we last see him, he is bidding farewell to Springfield for his new post in Washington—a post from which he returned only in death. In this volume, the three women in his life—ill-fated Ann Rutledge, proud Mary Owens, and tempestuous Mary Todd—come into sharp focus. Special emphasis is placed on the apparent facts about Abe's romance with Ann and the real love the author feels he and Mary Todd shared.

This book won't add a great deal to what most readers already know about Lincoln the man. But it's a story that bears retelling—especially when done so skillfully.

A book that's certain to come under heavy fire from some Civil War experts is **John Shipley Tilley's** *Lincoln Takes Command* (University of North Carolina Press, $5). The author's opinion is simply that Abraham Lincoln maneuvered the South into war. This is a view shared by several other authorities—at least, to the extent that Lincoln's adroitness forced the South to take the first aggressive step—but

disputed by others. There seems little doubt but that new barrages will be fired over the reappearance of this volume, first published some 17 years ago and now reissued, apparently to ride the wave of interest in the Civil War.

On Mr. Tilley's behalf, let it be said that his story is plausible, well documented, and interestingly told. On the other hand, it smacks of one-sidedness. Somehow, it seems doubtful that the lines of right and wrong were so clearly drawn. At any rate, if you have any interest in that period of crisis, it will pay you to study this book carefully—then make up your own mind.

Has your minister preached a sermon this year that helped you understand the privileges and responsibilities of Christian citizenship? If so, you may help him win $1,000. Write to the Awards Department, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., for a nomination blank and further information. Thirty $100 awards and 30 George Washington Honor Medals also are offered. And the medals are right handsome. TOGETHER received one for its color pictorial August, 1957 [page 35], illustrating the hymn, *America the Beautiful.*

Read *One Mile From Trinity* (Strode, $3.50), and you'll know why **Mary Davis Henry** was named Alabama's Mother of the Year in 1957. This story of her marriage to Methodist preacher Waights G. Henry and the rearing of their four sons and one daughter in a series of parsonages is as warm, human, and wholesome as the Henrys themselves.

Methodists throughout the South know and love this family. During Dr. Henry's ministry and six years as a professor at Emory University, the family lived in 14 different towns in various states. That's unusual even for a Methodist preacher!

I asked Mrs. Barnabas, who is the greatest expert on marriage *I* know, to tell me what she thought of the new Reflection book, *Romance in Christian Marriage* (Association Press, 50¢). She said she thought it was one of the finest books on marriage she'd ever read. I was impressed—for she agreed with me.

This paperback condensation of **W. Clark Ellzey's** full-length book, *How to Keep Romance in Your Marriage,* deals soundly and clearly with "romantic love" vs. Christian love, sex, parenthood, in-laws, faithfulness, and money—and other vital and sometimes

Five Men Look at Business Problems

Emerson W. Smith, new associate secretary, Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations.

What should Christians think and do in this industrial age? That question is to be aired at a conference sponsored by seven Methodist agencies October 30 until November 2, at Cincinnati. Mr. Smith suggests these stimulating books for all interested in the issue.

The Affluent Society ***by John Kenneth Galbraith*** (Houghton Mifflin, $5) . . . maintains the basis of modern economic thought was laid in an era of scarcity and is anachronistic and inadequate in the affluent society of today. Harvard professor Galbraith has taught at Princeton, was in charge of price control for the OPA, and has been a *Fortune* editor.

The Organization Man ***by William H. Whyte Jr.*** (Simon & Schuster, $5, Doubleday Anchor, $1.45) . . . is the first complete study of the way of life many Americans are leading as part of the big organization, be it corporation, government, educational institution, charitable organization, or labor union. Whyte is assistant managing editor of *Fortune.*

The Hidden Persuaders ***by Vance Packard*** (David McKay, $4, Pocket Books, 35¢) . . . is a lively, often humorous account of motivation research and how the "hidden persuaders" in the advertising and public relations world are using its interpretation of why we do what we do to lead us into buying, giving, or voting at their suggestion. Former newspaper man and magazine writer Packard now lectures on magazine writing at New York University.

An International Economy ***by Gunnar Myrdal*** (Harper, $6.50) . . . examines the problems of achieving economic integration on a world scale. Formerly Minister of Commerce in the Swedish cabinet, the author is now executive secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and is considered one of the world's leading economic theorists.

The American Earthquake ***by Edmund Wilson*** (Doubleday, $6) . . . paints the 1920s and 1930s through political pieces, incidental sketches, reviews, and comments written during that era by the man who has been called America's foremost critic. Many of these have appeared in the *New Yorker* or in two previous books by Wilson—*The American Jitters* and *Travels in Two Democracies.*

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By the fire these evenings I've been browsing through Volume II of the newly reprinted *Works of John Wesley* (Zondervan, $3.95). This journal, dated from December 2, 1745 to May 5, 1760, is the second in a 14-volume series originally published in England by the Wesleyan Conference in London.

If Wesley had not been so busy saving souls, I believe he could have made a distinguished mark as a novelist. People, places, events—even the weather—come alive in his journal. With his keen-eyed views on current events, and sometimes pungent reviews of the books he found time to read while traveling on horseback from town to town throughout England and Ireland, this adds up to a fascinating and revealing picture of the life of his times.

If you aren't yet a Wesley fan, I suggest you look up William F. McDermott's article, *Circuit Rider of the Centuries* [May, 1957, page 12]. It's a fascinating introduction to Methodism's founder.

Arthur Ford, an ordained minister claims to be psychic. A lot of people including some levelheaded investigators, are convinced he really does possess extrasensory perception and the ability to communicate with the spirit world.

Mr. Ford's amazing story—written in collaboration with **Margueritte Harmon Bro**—unfolds in *Nothing So Strange* (Harper, $3.75). Many people he believes, are psychic to a certain extent—and this mysterious power can be developed to a higher level through faith, prayer, and constant application. Recently he helped organize the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, composed of a group of ministers and laymen from several denominations, including Methodists. Its purpose: to interest the orthodox churches in psychic and mystical phenomena. See what you think!

Scattered along the Atlantic coast of Europe, in lands around the Mediterranean, in the Canary Islands, and in the African desert are prehistoric rock carvings and paintings in which the human figure, particularly the face appears either in complete and recognizable form or in varying degrees of disintegration.

O. G. S. Crawford's book, *The Eye Goddess* (Macmillan, $10) a

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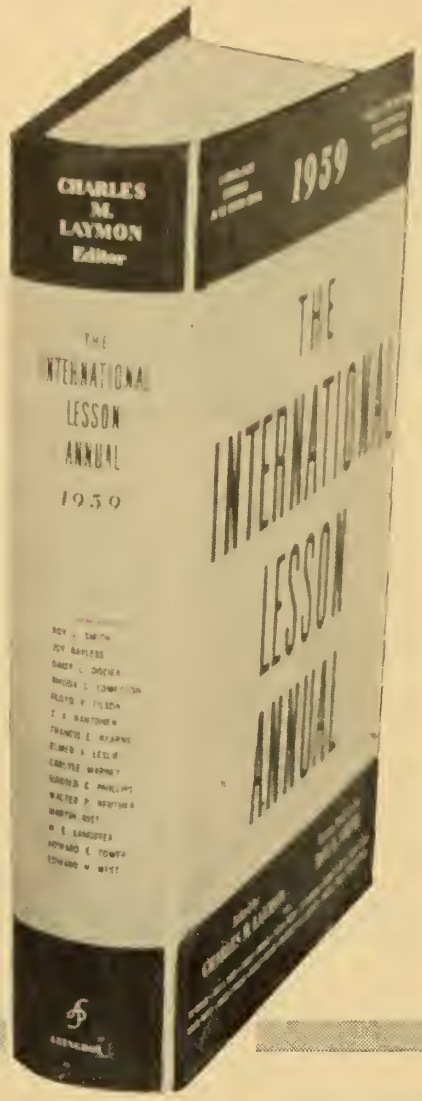

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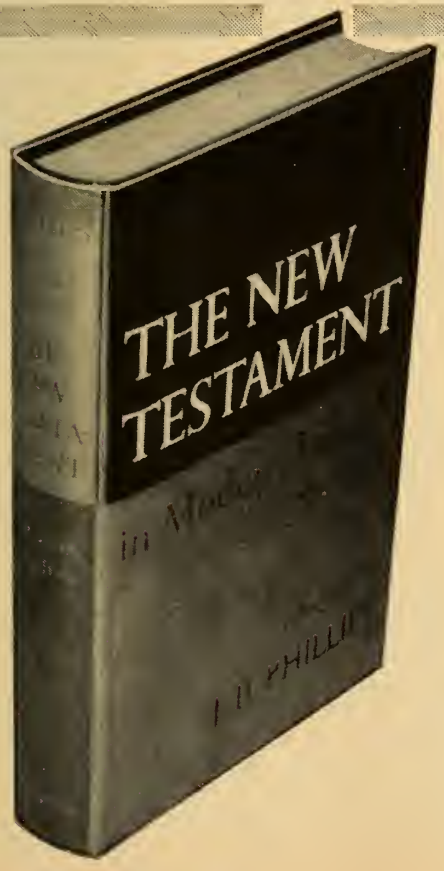

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tempts to relate these figures to Ishtar, the ancient Syrian goddess associated with fertility whose cult image had staring eyes and eyebrows meeting at the top of the nose.

Dr. Crawford, editor of *Antiquity* magazine, writes for the serious student of archaeology, not the dabbler, as he speculates on the possible spread of the eye-goddess cult to Troy and Greece, thence to southern Italy, Sicily, and Spain—then possibly on to North Africa and the Canary Islands in one direction and to Brittany, Britain, Ireland, and northwestern Europe in another.

Much has been published recently about the problems of Negroes and Jews in America. Regretfully, however, the Puerto Rican has been almost totally neglected. So it is heartening to find that someone has probed and now reports what life among the Puerto Ricans is like—even though the data collected concerns Puerto Ricans in New York. **Christopher Rand,** a former San Francisco newspaper reporter, has done just this in *The Puerto Ricans* (Oxford, $3.75). He takes the reader into that special world in New York where Puerto Ricans live apart from their neighbors and are little understood. For the first time an outsider has entered this area specifically to learn about these people and explain them to other Americans.

Mr. Rand explored the Puerto Rican districts one by one to describe the inhabitants, the streets and houses they live in, their food and clothing, and the kind of jobs they hold. His impressions first appeared in *The New Yorker,* but now the four original articles have been incorporated, with new material, in the present book.

Before landing in America three years ago, Britisher **Hugh Willoughby** recalls, "I put all my opinions, second-hand information, and prejudices in a bag . . . and dropped the lot overboard." But during the next year, while he studied at a large Midwestern university, that intentional void quickly overflowed with impressions of a nation he was warned probably would be crude and raw, and a university atmosphere one British friend thought would be "a pretty poor and disheartening show after Oxford."

Such admonitions, however, were largely unjustified, as Willoughby recounts in *Amid the Alien Corn* (Bobbs-Merrill, $3). It's a witty, entertaining, often penetrating glimpse of our country as seen by an intrepid Englishman who, when writing these impressions in letters, had no idea they eventually would be published. Happily for us, a complete set of the letters came to Joseph L. Martin, an American who edited out personal references and dropped the letter form without damaging the author's light, personal touch.

Perhaps that's why reading this little volume is such fun. It's much like overhearing guests discuss a party you're giving—when they don't know you're listening!

The way really to see England, I've decided, is to buy a small car over there, then when touring is done, resell it to the dealer by prearrangement—as did **Mr. and Mrs. Willard Price.** Their Austin A30 cost $1,680 and after four months brought $1,307.93—making the "rental" but $3.10 per day.

In *Roaming Britain* (John Day, $5.75), Price chats of sights they saw along highways, with nary a billboard from Lands End at the southwest tip to Scotland's northern knob. All travel writers try to take you with them, but few achieve the illusion so intimately. I especially enjoyed the Price saga of exploration by barefoot and by boat from the source of the Thames to its outlet teeming with shipping. There's no purple prose here: just incident on incident, seasoned with observations of a veteran traveler, explorer, and author.

After I'd read *Roaming Britain,* enchanted by every page, I looked up the author in *Who's Who in America.* My hunch was right. He's the same Willard Price who, a few decades back, was editor of our Methodist Board of Missions' magazine, *World Outlook.*

Alcoholism is a tragedy, a national problem, a menace stalking millions of homes. Now comes a book which, with frightening clarity, poses the problem faced by one victim—and, with compassion and hope, tells how he fought his way back to a useful place in society.

The book is **Beth Day's** *No Hiding Place* (Holt, $3.95). Its subject is Vincent Tracy, a man who drank his way down from plush New York night spots to the depths of the Bowery gutters. In the process, he turned his back on his job, his loved ones, his God.

But then something happened: Tracy came back. He not only found himself, but a way to help others as beaten as he had once been. Today he is devoting his life to directing a home for problem drinkers—with encouraging results. There may be parts of this book you will not agree with; parts, perhaps, too stark for your taste. But it will be hard to find a more engrossing word picture of a beaten man's fight to find himself.

Thanks to TV quiz shows, the encyclopedia is being used these days almost as much as the telephone directory. Since a sip of knowledge can lead to an overwhelming thirst, there's no predicting the extent to which this eventually may influence our culture.

One thing I do know is that if

child gets the habit of "looking it up in the encyclopedia" just as soon as he learns to read, he'll be a better informed person for the rest of his life. To make this easy for youngsters, several admirable junior encyclopedias now are available. One is *Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia* (Compton, 15 Vol. Four bindings: $124.50, $139.50, $149.50, $179.50). It contains 14,000 illustrations—1,200 of them in full color. Four thousand articles are designed to answer questions quickly, then to lure the reader into learning more about the subject.

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There are many diseases you'll never encounter; they've virtually disappeared with the advent of modern medicine. At least, that's what professors told Tom Dooley in medical school. But when the young ex-navy doctor set up an outpost hospital in northern Laos, right on the doorstep of Red China, he encountered them all—yaws, dysenteries, even leprosy ("a disease belonging to the biblical era").

The Edge of Tomorrow (Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, $3.75) is **Dr. Thomas A. Dooley's** story of how he and five other "ordinary" young Americans (none of the others were doctors) set out to alleviate some of the world's suffering. It was their own idea; they had no governmental or mission backing.

Their work, they felt, was like tossing only a small life jacket into a vast sea of incredible human misery. But they did what they could. As they dispensed medical care, these American "ambassadors" taught the Laos people rudimen-

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Of things I'm thankful for,
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THE WRECK OF THE GREY CAT, by Winston Graham *(Doubleday, $3.75)*

For me, this one never quite made it. I kept thinking that it was going to suddenly turn into one of those fine English suspense stories that would make up for all the long and sometimes weary preparation. When I came to the last word, I was still having the same hope but realized that it was too late.

It has to do with an English fishing village and a boy coming to live with his uncle. There is some foul play and a great deal of mysterious behavior that proclaims hidden plots. In a little different environment it could have become another David Copperfield, but the author is no Charles Dickens. It had the makings, I felt, and that is one of the reasons I end up in a rather frustrated mood. But I'm sure somebody is going to read this book and say that within it is an enjoyable story.

THE SERGEANT, by Dennis Murphy *(Viking, $3.50).*

Have you ever noticed in how many war stories a sergeant seems to be the real center? There seems to be something about this rank that produces characters.

In this book, the sergeant is a rascal. In a run-down camp in France he becomes the center of power. The officers are a little fearful and uncomfortable in his presence and the men have learned he holds their fate in his hands. He is sadistic, brutal, and about as near a complete rat as you are likely to find. And as if that were not enough, there develops in him a strain of homosexuality.

Yet, toward the end there is revealed in him an emptiness and a despair that is akin to sadness. It is amazing, but one pities this man. One does not need to become a sentimentalist to see the realism of the Christian doctrine of love and forgiveness. If we, being evil, can feel this way toward bad men, how much more God must be able to suffer for the evil in us and all men.

The man who wrote this book has created a character of considerable depth. But he also has accomplished what few novelists succeed in doing: —made us look at evil with compassion.

ANATOMY OF A MURDER, by Robert Traver *(St. Martin's, $4.50).*

I cannot think of anyone caring less about another review than the author of this best seller. It has been at the head of the list so long that it can be safely labeled a success. Reviews can neither help it nor hurt it. I comment on it here merely to express a thought or two concerning law and justice.

The story has to do with a rape and a murder. There is no mystery about who did the killing and the only problem is whether the young lieutenant will be sent to prison for killing the man who attacked his wife. It has all the ingredients to produce a tough, sexy yarn so dear to the heart of paperback addicts. The author, however, is an eminent jurist and he handles the sex angle with admirable restraint while producing a book that contains a lot more than fast action. Altogether, it is mighty easy to pick up and mighty hard to put down.

The thing that bothers me most about this book is its reflection of American court procedures. The whole affair becomes a game between two clever lawyers—and it is the kind of game where everything goes. The prosecution does not hesitate to cover up facts if they seem damaging to its case. There is nothing here of the English idea that the Crown can neither win nor lose. It is, on the contrary, a revelation of an ambitious man trying to make a record, with justice a secondary consideration.

The defense is no better. Here is a decent, honorable lawyer who cynically establishes his case on the basis of temporary insanity. If this is the law, then any man ought to be excused from any crime, if it is committed when he is emotionally upset. At the end of the whole affair, the outcome of the trial does nothing to create respect for American jurisprudence.

tary sanitation and when they left their hospital was in the hands of a newly trained young Laos doctor and some Laos nurses.

Dr. Dooley is going back to his beloved Laos. Similar teams now are heading for other critical areas.

"**Mari Sandoz** puts her own brand on anything she writes," says one reviewer of *The Cattlemen From the Rio Grande Across the Far Marias* (Hastings House, $6.50). It's true—and a compliment. She has a sure touch, assembling and organizing details with the born storyteller's artistry.

If American lore lures you, this book will make pallid the fiction masquerading as TV Westerns. Perhaps you've already read in *The Saturday Evening Post* the extracts telling the lurid career of "Print" Olive, the cattleman with morals that revert to the Neanderthal.

Here and there I picked up the trail of Methodists—the Reverend Rader, for example. In the so-called Johnson County War in Wyoming, he took the part of the homesteaders who had incurred the vindictive wrath of big cattlemen. But in this book, he is without a given name. Can any reader supply it—or other information about this pioneer preacher?

If fears of all-out atomic warfare and mass destruction of nations haunt you, we doubt that *Soviet Strategy in the Nuclear Age* (Praeger, $4.50) will do much to soothe your nerves. The author, **Dr. Raymond L. Garthoff,** basing his findings partly on secret Russian documents, explores the entire concept of Red aims and policies in these troubled times. What he concludes makes for sobering thought. It is much as his publishers point out: "The Soviet leaders have made staggering investments in research and production related to strategy—and on a long-range basis." It's that "long-range basis" part that's beginning to tell now.

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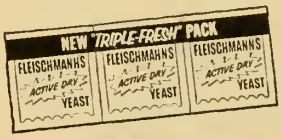

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Little Ann asked to give the blessing the day the minister came to dinner. Her parents agreed and heads bowed, at which point Ann lost confidence. "I don't know what to say," she whispered to her mother.

"Oh, just say anything you've heard me say lots of times," her mother reassured, and Ann began:

"It's a mystery to me what becomes of all the pins."

—Elizabeth S. Meador, *Lakeport, Calif.*

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—Sandra Bloomfield, *Clarinda, Iowa*

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Two boys, one the son of a minister and the other the son of a bishop, argued constantly whose father was greater. One day the minister's son exclaimed: "Your father's no good. Mine gave me a hen that lays an egg every week."

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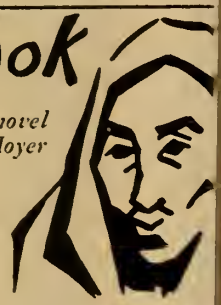

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THE IDEA of transferring from a 600-student high school in Bremen, Germany, to 4,800-pupil Proviso Township (Illinois) High was frightening at first to 17-year-old exchange student Christine Haslob. But her fears soon vanished as she began a whirlwind year in America with a Methodist family.

In August, 1957, Christine boarded a Dutch liner bound for the U.S. with 1,039 other exchange students in the American Field Service program. All were to live with American families. For Christine, it was the Arthur Helling family in Maywood, Ill., west of Chicago. Karen Helling, a Proviso senior Christine's age, shared a room with her.

Before school began Christine completed a round of parties, picnics, sightseeing, supermarket tours, and drives. At Proviso, she was warmly welcomed —and just as busy. She sat in on Student Council meetings, served on committees, joined the Future Teachers of America, went to school parties, dances, and sports events, and attended MYF and Metho-Teens with Karen. She also spoke at the Mother-Daughter Banquet and before civic groups.

Christine found teen social life more active and studies easier than in Bremen. Last summer she left for home with new knowledge of American ways. Proviso students were sorry to see her go—but knew the $650 they had raised (at 25¢ a share) to finance her trip had been a fine investment in mutual understanding.

In Germany are mostly Germans, so Christine (left) was impressed with the many nationalities which mingle in American cities and classrooms. Here she and Karen are shopping in Chicago.

Christine Discovers America,

continued:

Christine tackles a problem in first-year typing class. Her English, the Hellings agree, improved considerably during the year.

Christine (center) clasps hands in the friendship circle which closes a meeting of the Metho-Teens. She attended with Karen, who introduced her to new friends.

The runner is safe as Christine fields a volleyball in the school gym. Though unfamiliar at first with American games, she soon became a loyal sports fan.

In lunchroom, Christine shows photos of her family to classmates. As a Christmas gift, Proviso girls raised money so she could telephone parents in Bremen.

Doing some research in the library, Christine unexpectedly discovers a friend, Jan Hoehne, on a similar mission. Christine hopes in the future to become an interpreter.

A new dress for Christine! Mrs. Helling made it, but Chris, who likes to sew, helped. Here Karen stands by to offer advice on the proper length for the hem.

In the family recreation room the Hellings gather to see slides of Chris and Karen in their formal gowns. John, 14, has the floor seat.

Nothing to do? Here's an easy answer! Write your memoirs for the new generation.

Grandpa in a Green Box

By HELEN HINCKLEY

YEARS FROM NOW, your grandchildren and their families are going to wonder just what sort of person you really were. They'll probably have heard second and third-hand stories, with the minor distortions that always seem to grow with retelling, and perhaps they'll have seen a few fading snapshots. But will they know the real *you?* Will they understand the times in which you lived, the influences that helped shape your life? Will they have the chance to know you as the person you are, not just as a name?

Now is the time to ask yourself these questions, and to do something if your answers are negative. You can give yourself to your descendants—by writing an autobiography. It will take some planning and work, of course, but once you've started you'll agree that such a project is not only worthwhile, but a lot of fun, too.

If it hadn't been for my Aunt Sarah, this idea probably never would have occurred to me. We always have been very close. Since childhood I've been "her girl"; her only child was a boy. Even today I frequently take my family to visit her. Each time she has something for us: a set of pot holders, doll clothes for the girls, one day even an exquisite quilt with a state flower embroidered on each block. But recently her eyes have begun to fail, and she no longer can do the beautiful handwork which has given her such great pleasure.

It was the day she told me about her failing eyes that she gave me the old green suit box.

"Don't open it until you get home," she instructed. "I'm not sure you'll like it."

At home, I eagerly opened the box. Inside I found several neatly tied bundles. One contained old photographs showing many relatives all the way back to my grandfather's time. Aunt Sarah had identified many of them: "Ed's baby who died"; "Millie at nine"; "a sweetheart of Sam's." Another bundle was a collection of deeds to Grandpa's far-flung property holdings, which together traced his movements from Canada to Missouri and the Far West. Still another was an accumulation of papers Grandpa had gathered in connection with his work for the church.

Then I came to a bundle of Grandpa's correspondence, and in a worn black notebook a scrap of diary he had kept while guarding Union telegraph wires during the Civil War. Although the ancient photographs had hinted at Grandpa's personality, the scrap of diary and the letters really introduced me to Grandpa as a man.

One letter was a copy of one he had written to a Mr. Mather in England. Mather's son Tom, I learned, had come to America looking for adventure, and had been employed by Grandpa as a telegraph agent in the Indian fort and travelers' way station Grandpa once supervised. But Tom had died, and Mather wrote what must have been a scorching letter to Grandpa.

Young Tom, I gathered from Grandpa's writings, was a charming, intelligent lad—but he couldn't leave drink alone. In the letter to Mather, Grandpa told how he had tried to keep the two separated. Tom loved Grandpa's oldest daughter, Eliza, who had promised to marry him on a certain date if he had given up drink, ". . . a date that was reluctantly moved into the future each time Tom left the fort," Grandpa wrote. Once, Grandpa sat with Tom day and night and saw him through delirium tremens, ". . . something I would not have done for hire." Grandpa was traveling when Tom died, and when he returned Tom had been buried by friends in a common plot. Grandpa had the body moved to his own family lot ". . . because of the love we bore him."

As I read Grandpa's simply, almost stuffily written letter to the elder Mather, I began to sense his wise, tolerant spirit. For the first time I really

Your wedding day, military service, and cranking up your first car—details of such events will thrill a grandchild.

understood and appreciated my heritage.

Perhaps you see now how valuable firsthand knowledge of one's predecessors can be. When systematically gathered, such things as newspaper clippings, business papers, pictures; records of civil, church, or military honors; and letters can tell much about a person's life. But only by writing an autobiography can you tie up the loose ends and stress the things you feel are most important. Besides, you're the most logical biographer of your own life—after all, you know more about yourself than anyone.

When I made this suggestion to a neighbor of mine, she looked at me incredulously and protested that she'd never written more than a letter in her life. But what I told her goes for anyone else: This sort of autobiography isn't for general publication; you can write one, and your family will love it. Then someday your son will be able to say to his grandson: "Your great-grandfather was a wonderful man. Would you like to read his story?" And the boy, who never really has known you, will read the story and find you there, just as close as if you had him on your knee.

You're probably wondering where and how to begin. I'd suggest that first you read several autobiographies and biographies. My favorite is Luke's story of Jesus—and it's as close to you as your Bible.

Luke was writing for the Greeks—in fact, for Theophilus, a learned Greek pagan interested in Christianity. But Luke didn't simply sit down and turn out his work. For years he had been studying available manuscripts which told of Jesus Christ. When he finally began to write, he had a great deal of material.

Even so, Luke didn't use all the material he had collected; not all of it would have interested Theophilus. He wanted to show the essence of Jesus—the vibrancy of his personality, his spiritual powers, his love and compassion for the lowly. With this yardstick he measured all material he had collected. Did each incident tend to show Jesus as this sort of person? If one didn't, Luke discarded it.

In much the same way, you should decide upon the controlling purpose of your life. What kind of person have you tried to be? With honest introspection, you can discover the essence of your own personality. Read Benjamin Franklin's autobiography and see how well he understood himself.

There's plenty you can do before you start writing that will make the task much easier. Let me suggest a step-by-step general procedure which should help you over the rough spots, yet which is flexible enough to fit into your own working habits.

First, buy paper and some of those three-for-a-dime light-weight Manila folders (envelopes, if you prefer)—one for every year of your life less three. On the first, write, "Before I Was Born"; on the second, "The First Five Years of My Life." Thereafter, label each consecutive folder with a year of your life, beginning with your sixth year. If you were born in 1910, for example, mark your third folder "1916," the fourth, "1917," and so on. Then, for safekeeping and easy access, get a filing cabinet—flameproof steel would be a good investment—to hold them.

These folders are for building a collection similar to that my Aunt Sarah gave me—business papers, newspaper clippings, pictures; civil, church, or military honors, and, of course, letters. Many of these things you'll find close at hand, scattered in drawers, trunks, and attic corners. Others you'll have to track down by correspondence. That's fun, too—watching for the mailman and seeing your collection grow. If you receive documents the owners want returned, simply have photographic copies made for yourself. But file everything you have in the appropriate year's folder.

It may take weeks or months to assemble a reasonably complete file. Then you'll want to begin the first draft of your biography. The clean paper before you probably will look forbidding. Put something on it at once—the date and place of your birth, for example, and where and when you were christened. These should stir your memory.

Perhaps as you record your own christening you'll recall the day you chose your daughter's name. Take a clean sheet of paper and describe that, too. File it in the proper year's folder.

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idea takes you and write everything that comes into your mind, remembering to start each new story on fresh paper and to file it in the proper year's folder. If you come to the end of a strand, start back chronologically until your memory is stimulated again. Then, when you've written simply everything you can remember, check through the material and see that you've omitted nothing.

If you do no more than prepare this set of folders, you'll have made a wonderful contribution to your family. But now that you're this far, you'll want to finish the job. Like Luke, you will have gathered all available material about your subject—yourself—and you'll have an orderly reference file. With this as a guide and thought stimulator, you should be able to write your autobiography without much difficulty. Remember that you will need to be selective in writing this final version, and that you must be honest with yourself as you look back on your life. Your story must be fact, not fancy. Above all, have fun as you write. Relax. Then you'll be showing the essence of you.

Be sure to keep the material in your folders in good order. Don't throw any of it away. The final story will serve one purpose, and those clippings, photos, and first detailed memories another. They'll be especially helpful if, when your autobiography is done, you write biographies of people you've known (especially relatives) who have interested you most. It might be your husband or wife, perhaps a distant cousin.

In any event, don't fail to write biographies of your parents. To do a good job, you should do roughly what you did before writing your own story. Gather all available papers, clippings, pictures, etc., and build a chronological file of your memories. Then, write your parents' stories. It should be easier than writing your own; recognizing the essence of a personality is not hard when viewed from afar.

There's plenty of work to be done, but it needn't be a lonely labor. You might join a writers' club, or even get some of your friends interested in the same project so you can compare procedures and progress. A bit of competition and helpful criticism probably will improve your final product —and may make writing a permament hobby interest.

That's the idea in a nutshell. I believe you'll find such a project more satisfying than you now imagine. You'll be putting your spare time to good use, and answering the challenge to create something. But, best of all, you'll be giving your descendants something they really want, something which will be cherished for generations. And it's one gift that only you can give them.

NEWS of the world parish

SCHOLARS OF WORLD UNITE TO RESTUDY BIBLE

Biblical scholars around the world are watching a New Testament project now under way at Methodist-related Emory University near Atlanta, Ga.

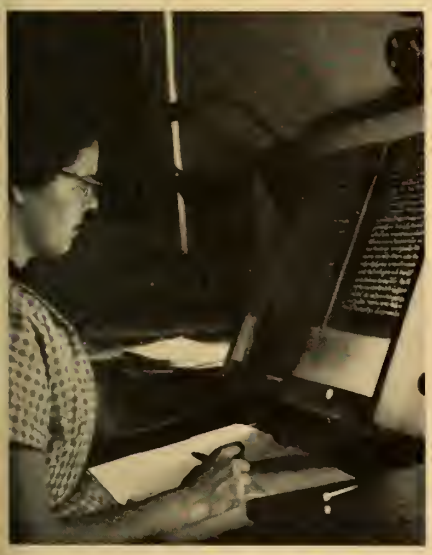
Aim of the undertaking, called the International Greek New Testament Project, is preparation of a reference work on textual material of the New Testament. It is expected to be ready for publication by Oxford University Press in 15 to 20 years.

International and interdenominational, the project has drawn help from Russia, Israel, Greece, and other nations in Europe, Africa, and the Orient. Catholic and Protestant sources have provided valuable material. Dr. Merrill M. Parvis, executive secretary, directs the effort.

Since the project began in 1948, more than 280 persons have been locating and microfilming thousands of priceless scriptural manuscripts and fragments, including the Dead Sea Scrolls. Some are in dead or little-known languages.

The films are forwarded to Emory, where scholars study the manuscripts' bearing on each verse of the New Testament. Word for word, all relevant material is checked and a record made of variations.

The aim is to determine the Testament's original wording and to show how it has changed over the centuries. One example of what is being found: Luke 22:43-44, telling of Christ's agony before betrayal. Researchers report these two verses do not appear in Manuscript B (Fourth Century). They are found as marginal notes in Manuscript 1071, and are part of the text of another copy of the Gospel of Luke. Here, however, the verses are starred, indicating the scribe doubted their authenticity. The entire passage was accepted and included in Manuscript K, a ninth-century book.



Researcher examines microfilmed data.

How Can Christians Halt War?

World church leaders are thrashing out an old question: What can Christians do to prevent war?

The World Council of Churches' Central Committee debated a major report on the subject at its annual meeting in Nyborg, Denmark. The statement emphasized the necessity of a new widespread discipline of mind, spirit, and action to limit conflict because "there is no limit to the power of the explosions which are possible."

The report held that Christians can never consent to the use of nuclear weapons in all-out war but can agree to their use in limited war, justified only to prevent all-out conflict or to deter aggressors from launching even a limited war. However, some members opposed the use of nuclear weapons even in limited war.

New Program for Alcoholics

Local churches now are being urged to start alcoholics' rehabilitation programs under a new plan launched by the Methodist Board of Temperance. The program combines "the best of modern research by physicians, scientists, social agencies, and church specialists," according to Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary.

"Some pastors and churches have helped hundreds of alcoholics," Dr. Hooton explains, "but the great majority do not understand the problems that alcoholics and their families face."

Expand Home Missions

The Board of Missions, through its Section of Home Missions, is bearing down on the problem of training leaders for critical U.S. missionary posts. Such spots are in the inner city, certain rural areas, research and survey, and in work with the handicapped.

Staff members mapped plans at a

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A straw vote only shows
Which way the hot air blows—O. Henry

1	Sa	Industrial Relations Conference, Cincinnati
2	S	Associate Methodist Churches convene, 1830 Methodist Protestant Church organized
3	M	Halley's comet first seen, 1681
4	Tu	*VOTE!*
5	W	National Educational Conference of Methodists, Cincinnati
6	Th	Sam'l Wesley Jr. d. 1739, aged 49
7	Fr	Mme. Curie, famed scientist, b. 1867
8	Sa	*Good counsellors lack no clients*
9	S	Brodie jumps off Brooklyn Bridge, 1888
10	M	"Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" 1871
11	Tu	Veterans Day
12	W	1st International Conference on Disarmament, 1921 in Washington
13	Th	Drake ends voyage around world, 1577
14	Fr	NBC airs 1st network program, 1926 Heard on 24 stations in 21 cities
15	Sa	Adopt Articles of Confederation, 1777
16	S	Evangelist George Whitefield b. 1714 Helped bring Methodism to America
17	M	Impressment riots in Boston, 1747
18	Tu	National Council of Churches opens Church and World Order Conference
19	W	*A good name is better than riches*
20	Th	Atahualpa, Inca of Peru, agrees to fill room with gold for Pizarro, 1532
21	Fr	Bullitt made first U.S. ambassador to USSR, 1933
22	Sa	Gen. de Gaulle b. 1890
23	S	Learn by heart Eph. 6:1-4
24	M	Zachary Taylor, 12th President, b. 1784
25	Tu	Capt. Myles Standish and Stephen Hopkins explore Cape Cod Harbor for Pilgrims
26	W	1st national Thanksgiving Day, 1789
27	Th	*—and thanks unto the Harvest's Lord who sends our daily bread*
28	Fr	Cardinal Wolsey d. 1530, aged 59
29	Sa	Louisa May Alcott b. 1832
30	S	Advent Sunday

■ U.S., Britain, France, Italy, Japan agree to curtail naval construction; nine powers outlaw poison gas and restrict submarine attacks on merchant vessels.

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■ In 1621 Gov. Bradford of Plymouth Colony set apart a day after the first harvest, with friendly Indians sharing in the festivities. Massachusetts Bay Colony had Thanksgiving for the first time in 1630. During the Revolution the Continental Congress set one or more days for Thanksgiving each year. President Washington proclaimed a national day of thanks in 1789, the same year the Protestant Episcopal Church announced the first Thursday in November as the regular day "unless another be appointed by the civil authorities."

GOOD ADVICE

If you your lips
Would keep from slips
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak,
To whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where.

If you your ears
Would keep from jeers,
These things keep meekly hid:
Myself and I
And mine and my,
And how 'I' do or did.

two-day conference in Philadelphia, led by Dr. Allen B. Rice, executive secretary. The new work will be financed through increased World Service giving of Methodists.

One new aspect: the first professorship of city and church planning at Wesley Seminary, Washington, D.C. The first school for teachers of town and country church work in Methodist colleges was held in July at Boston.

Seminars also are planned to train leaders for the multi-racial church; to work with the U.S. government in a pilot rural development, and to undertake church survey and research projects.

Recalls First Wedding

The Rev. Harry J. Schuchart, retired Johnson City, Pa., minister with 57 years of ministry behind him, recently took part in an unusual event—a reunion of the bridal party from his first wedding. The wedding was also the first such ceremony in the church he then served. In it William Schankweiler wed Carrie Strausser September 17, 1901, attended by John Kintzell and Carrie's sister Pearl, who were married later.

On the Kintzells' annual visit to the Schankweiler home in Florida, the anniversary of this durable marriage is celebrated. The couples and Mr. Schuchart, now of Penney Farms, Fla., reminisce about these "firsts" and congratulate each other on excellent health.

$24,000 in Scholarships

Cokesbury Graduate Awards totaling $24,000 are helping 18 graduate students prepare to be college teachers this year. The Methodist Board of Education grants the scholarships annually with funds from Methodist Student Day offerings.

Recipients, chosen for academic standing, leadership, promise of usefulness, churchmanship, character, personality, and need, are studying in a variety of fields at eight Methodist-related universities.

14,000 at CE Session

More than 14,000 delegates attended the 1958 World's Christian Endeavor convention in Frankfurt, Germany, when hundreds of decisions were reached for Christ.

Twenty-four countries were represented, with the largest delegation from Great Britain, Dr. Daniel Poling president of the World's CE Union reported. In spite of developments in the Middle East, there were a number from Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt.

Urge Firm Civil Rights Stand

The National Conference of Methodist Youth has appealed to President Eisenhower to make stronger use of

Mrs. Welthy Fisher, founder of Literacy Village near Lucknow, India, displays two puppets she uses to help Asians learn to read and write. She made a recent tour of the U.S. mainland, Canada, and Hawaii. Mrs. Fisher is the widow of the late Bishop Frederick B. Fisher.

the prestige and moral force of his office to help ease racial tensions.

The 225 youths and leaders, in annual session at Greencastle, Ind., praised the President for "the constructive steps he has taken" but added, "We sense a lack of willingness on the part of the President to lend the moral force of his office in the fight for civil rights."

In another development, 54 clergymen of Falls Church, Va., and surrounding communities issued a public statement opposing use of church property as private, segregated schools.

Athletes Challenged

Athletes must transfer the discipline and sacrifice they learn on the field to their daily lives, Coach Frank Broyles of the University of Arkansas has told the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' annual meeting in Estes Park, Colo.

"What you have is God's gift to you and what you are is your gift to God," he told college and high-school sportsmen and their coaches.

On the conference theme, *Jesus Christ —the Master Coach,* Donn Moomaw, Berkeley, Calif., pastor and former UCLA grid star, urged dedication to Christ for new power in better living and the "only thing that will challenge all your talents and bring out the best in you."

'Win College Students'

College students overseas present rich opportunity for Christian missions, in the opinion of the Rev. Claude Singleton, director of college-student work for the Board of Missions.

"There are many more of them now," he told national, regional, and state leaders at the National Conference of Methodist Youth at DePauw University. "There is increased interest in religion and, as in the past, they are potential leaders of their people."

Hospitals, Homes Booming

Methodist hospitals and homes now represent more than $377 million in assets and serve nearly 1.5 million persons each year, reports on new construction show.

Building plans include 73 projects valued at $61.3 million and represent an increase in capacity from 31,073 to 44,988 persons.

Among new installations are a $500,000 home for the aged in Louisville, a new Bethel Methodist Home in Ossining, N.Y., an addition for 200 persons at Rocky Mountain Methodist Homes in Boulder, Colo., a new Crowell Memorial Home at Blair, Neb., and a new 246-bed wing at Methodist Hospital in Memphis.

Apartments for 34 persons are going up at the Methodist Home in Elyria, Ohio, [see *Apostle of Good Cheer,* March, page 25] at an estimated cost of $340,000.

Ponder Teen Unrest

Teen-agers' present values, as opposed to their elders', are causing serious concern to social-work leaders. A group which has met to prepare for a 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth warns that this sharp divergence may result in a breakdown of communication between children and parents.

The leaders, meeting under auspices of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, has urged that the Conference consider what can be done "to prevent a rivalry between these two bursting population groups."

Parents and welfare organizations are finding it difficult to keep pace with needs and interests of today's children, they add.

School Problems

As the school year gets under way, relations of parochial schools and local governments are changing in several localities. Also involved: a university chapel.

- Pupils of a new Roman Catholic school in Brookfield, Conn., now have bus transportation as the result of a referendum.
- Charges that the Pierz-Buckman, Minn., school board pays too much to rent Catholic school facilities were dismissed by the state Board of Education when petitioners failed to appear for a hearing.
- Use of a new chapel at the University of Missouri may be limited by a ruling that no "religious services" may be held on school property.

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NEWS DIGEST

OVER THE TOP. Alumni fund of DePauw University has soared over $100,000 for the first time, reports Secretary Robert Crouch. The increase is nearly $23,000 over the previous high. Money will be used for salaries.

MORE AUSTRIAN LUTHERANS. Dire shortages in staff and facilities are reported by the Austrian Lutheran Church, faced with a membership that has doubled in 10 years. Influx of refugees by the thousands from Communist tyranny, it was stated, creates acute need for aid from U.S. and other Lutheran churches.

CATHOLICS HELP. Petitions to help save a 40-acre Methodist campground near Gulfport, Miss., from condemnation have been filed by Roman Catholic and Episcopal dioceses. Biloxi seeks the land, owned by the Conferences of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, to add to eight acres bought from them in 1952 for a junior high school.

MISSION TO CALIFORNIA. Los Angeles and Hollywood will be the scene of a Methodist evangelistic mission conducted by the Council of Evangelism in October, 1959. It will be held in connection with a meeting of the Council, an auxiliary to the General Board of Evangelism.

OBSCENITY ARRESTS. Arrests for mailing obscenity rose from 247 to 358 in the last fiscal year, Chief Postal Inspector David H. Stephens has announced. He also reported 351 mail-fraud arrests, many involving fake religious or charitable solicitations.

In Africa: New Gains

"Fast and revolutionary" changes in Africa were found by Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service [See *Women With the World on Their Minds,* April, page 10], after nearly three months visiting Methodist missions there.

The Christian Church, she said, faces a great challenge in helping channel these changes into constructive avenues.

African Christians, she added, are hard pressed for workers to carry on large-scale evangelism.

She noted also that women are advancing, especially in Liberia and Ghana, where they hold positions in government, and in the Congo, where two have enrolled in theological school.

Bishop Hits Mid-East Stand

Justifying U.S. Middle East intervention on "firm moral grounds" was hit in a letter signed by Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Oregon, five Portland clergymen, and a rabbi, and read during Senate debate.

It said, "It is easy for nations to confuse their own self-interest with the cause of world peace, or even with the will of God. The moral that concerns us in this instance is spelled 'more oil.' "

The churchmen deplored what they called a facile readiness to rationalize questionable diplomacy and the "careless use of the honorable term 'morality' to serve as an expedient of the moment."

Marriage: Episcopal View

The Protestant Episcopal Church has taken a fresh look at the purposes of marriage. An official statement, written by Bishop Stephen F. Bayne, Jr., lists three major aims of marriage and, in the bishop's view, "breaks some new ground" in examining the problem. The aims: mutual fellowship, encouragement, and understanding; procreation of children and their physical and spiritual nurture, and the safeguarding and benefiting of society.

The bishop pointed out that having children now is not held to be necessarily the primary end of marriage. This view, he explained, has an important bearing on the moral theology of contraception and family planning.

Pick World Assembly Theme

Jesus Christ—the Light of the World will be the theme for the World Council of Churches' third assembly, Christmas, 1961, on Ceylon.

The theme will emphasize hope in this, the first assembly since the destruction of civilization has become an immediate possibility. It will witness also to the lordship of Christ in Asia, beset by social change and resurgent Oriental religions.

This tiny chapel, nestled behind a motel near Buford, Ga., was dedicated by Dr. Charles Allen, Atlanta Methodist minister. Built for tourists who want a place to pray after a day on the highway, the structure is believed to be the first motel chapel constructed in the United States.

Voting: Churchgoers' Duty

The nonvoting churchgoer is shirking his Christian responsibility; so says the National Conference on Christianity and Law.

The group of lawyers, theologians, and public officials attending the National Council of Churches-sponsored meeting in Chicago decided Christians who fail to vote because of indifference, ignorance, or a conviction that "politics is dirty" are failing in their responsibility to society.

The Rev. Markus Barth of the University of Chicago Federated Theological Faculty cited as an example of political innocence the support given Hitler by church leaders who felt he would keep freedom in the pulpit.

Schools: Liquor Targets?

The liquor industry now is trying to use school systems to promote sales, according to charges by Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, WCTU president.

One agency, she says, has an "education director" to get its materials into the schools.

At a recent WCTU national convention, Veterans Administration statistics were quoted to show an annual total of 19,208 alcoholics in VA hospitals, an increase of more than 2,600 a year. The WCTU blames "wide-open drinking" in the armed services.

Study Cousin Parentage

Science and religion are co-operating on projects to determine the effects of cousin parentage on children.

The Atomic Energy Commission, working with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, has determined that first-cousin marriages do not lead to a significant increase in stillbirths or malformed children. They do, however, produce children more prone to serious illness and premature death.

Another study is being made by mental-health research teams among 1,000 members of the Hutterite Church in South Dakota, nearly all of whom are at least fourth cousins. Scientists now attribute an extraordinary mental-health record among these people to strong ancestral genes that have become intensified.

In a project among Old Order Amish Mennonites, also an inbred group, researchers are reporting a sharp increase in defective vision.

Reds Claim Youth Gains

East German Reds now claim 68 per cent of eighth-grade pupils in Soviet zone schools already are enrolled for spring youth-dedication ceremonies—as against only 45 per cent last year. And Gerhard Allendorf, an official of the Youth Dedication Movement, predicts 75 per cent by year's end.

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Their efforts in promoting foreign aid were rewarded by Congressional approval of most of the funds requested by President Eisenhower, and their support of a four-year extension of the reciprocal-trade program also was successful. Church efforts figured, too, in stronger obscenity laws.

Disappointing to many churches was the burial in the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee of proposed measures to prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages. The Committee also killed a bill that would have prohibited liquor service on commercial airliners. [See *Drinking on Airlines?* in next month's TOGETHER.]

Church Aids Students

The Methodist Church has brought 35 graduate students from 18 countries to study at U.S. universities of their choice.

These honor students, designated as Methodist Crusade Scholars, have full-tuition scholarships with room, board, and transportation from their homes.

New Music Magazine

A new church-music magazine will be published by the Methodist Publishing House sometime after October, 1959. The editor, the Rev. V. Earle Copes, has left his post as music professor at Cornell College to begin work under the Board of Education.

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The Rev. Everett C. Parker said religious programs are aired when people are asleep, eating, or away from home.

Liquor Ads Under Fire

The Board of Temperance wants *The Saturday Evening Post* to reconsider its decision to accept liquor advertising. The magazine announced recently it was ending a 61-year ban on alcohol ads.

Ask China Policy Review

President Eisenhower has been asked by three officials of the Methodist Board of World Peace to review the nation's China policy.

The Rev. Daniel E. Taylor, general secretary; the Rev. Carl D. Soule, field secretary, and Herman Will, Jr., administrative secretary, also urged that U.S. delegates to the Warsaw talks "adopt a conciliatory and flexible attitude."

The three men emphasized they spoke as individuals and not as official representatives of the church.

Plan Big Statue of Christ

Construction of a 350-foot statue of Christ atop 9,700-foot Sandia Peak, east of Albuquerque, N.M., is being planned.

A nonprofit organization, "Christ of the Southwest Foundation," has started a drive to raise $50,000 for preconstruction costs. Plans also call for a 15,000-seat amphitheater, a chapel, an observation deck, and picnic-recreation grounds.

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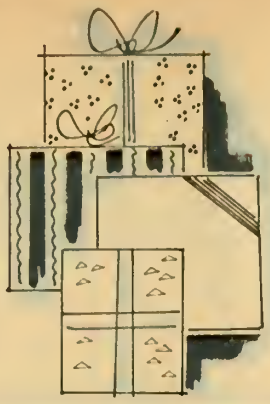

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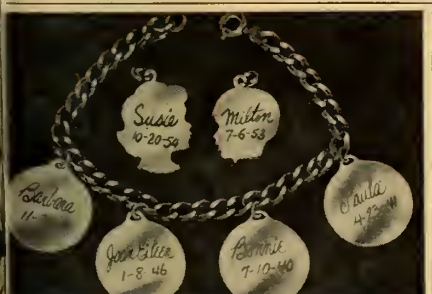

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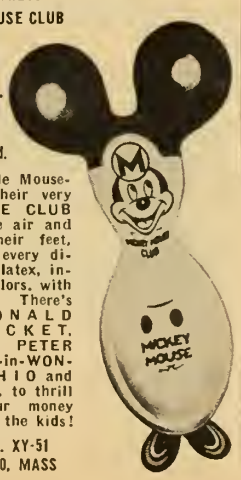

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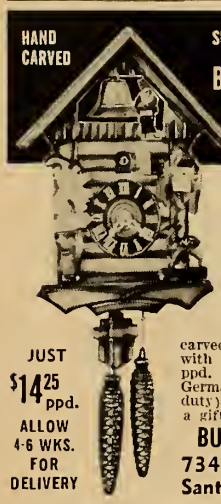

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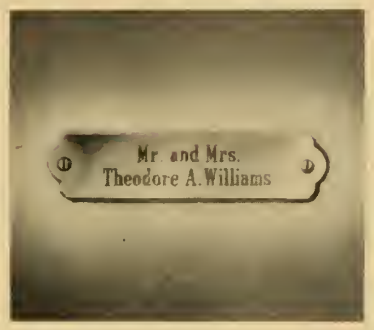

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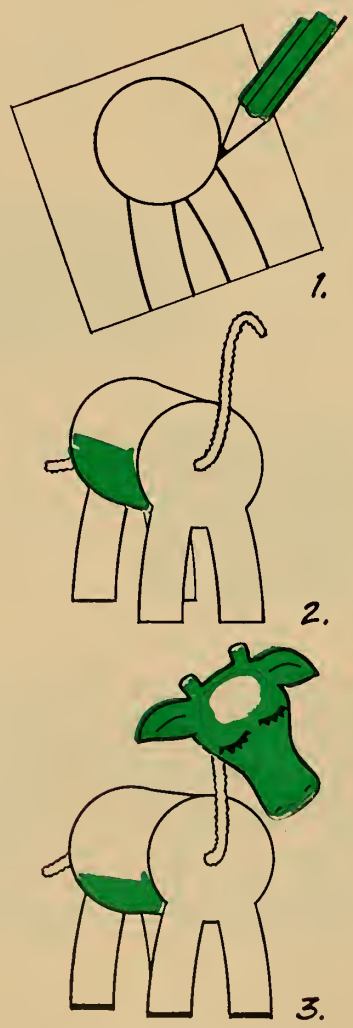
Christmas Is Coming!

Christmas really isn't far away—not for boys and girls who like to make holiday decorations. Right now is the time to begin—and here are ideas to get you started. So gather your art supplies, turn on your imagination, and almost before you realize it, Christmas will be here!

Build a Manger Scene



ONE THING you'll want for sure when Christmas comes is a manger scene. You can easily make one yourself, using a cardboard box as the stable. Just paint it and cut a little window out of its back wall. Then paste a piece of blue paper on the outside of the window and, with a pin, jab a few holes in the paper. Light will show through the holes, making them look like twinkling stars! Now fix up the inside of the stable any way you like—you may want to add a cardboard stall and put straw on the stable floor.

A small pillbox or paper-clip box makes the right-sized manger. Make the legs out of another piece of cardboard, glue them to the box, and your manger will be ready to paint. Perhaps you or your sister has a tiny doll you could use as the baby Jesus. If not, model him from clay or draw him on paper. After the paint on the manger has dried, wrap baby Jesus in a small, white cloth and place him on a bed of straw in the manger.

Next you'll want to make the animals for the manger scene. Here's where some empty spools from Mother's sewing basket will come in handy. Small spools make lambs, medium-sized spools work wel for calves, and large spool turn into donkeys. This is hov to make a spool animal—th drawings on this page will hel you, too:

1) Stand the spool on piece of cardboard and trac around it. Draw two legs ont this circle and cut the whol piece out. Make two parts lik this for each animal.

2) Glue one part onto eac end of the spool. Poke a tin hole through the cardboard o each end and push a pip cleaner all the way through th spool. Bend the pipe cleaner t form a neck and a tail. For th lamb's neck you will need t shorten the pipe cleaner.

3) Tape a cardboard head o the neck and paint the anima You can wrap felt around th stomach or use something so like yarn or cotton.

Maybe you will want t keep your manger scene sin ple by just making Jesus an

A touch of paint on the nose and this little cow will be ready to take her place in a Christmas stable.

You can build a manger scene like this from odds and ends found around the house. It takes time though, so get started right away!

two or three animals. However, if you want to make Mary and Joseph, draw them on cardboard and stand them up in small, clay bases. Or make them from pipe cleaners or clothespins and wrap pieces of material around them.

When you are all finished with the manger scene, place it on a table until your Christmas tree arrives. Then put it underneath the tree. On Christmas Eve you'll be able to sing *Away in a Manger* or *Silent Night* by a manger scene you made all by yourself!

Now turn to page 76 to learn how you can make your very own Christmas windows!

Here's a way to use your old, broken crayons—making Christmas windows from waxed paper. You can make the windows really glow by adding glitter, colored string, and paper letters or designs.

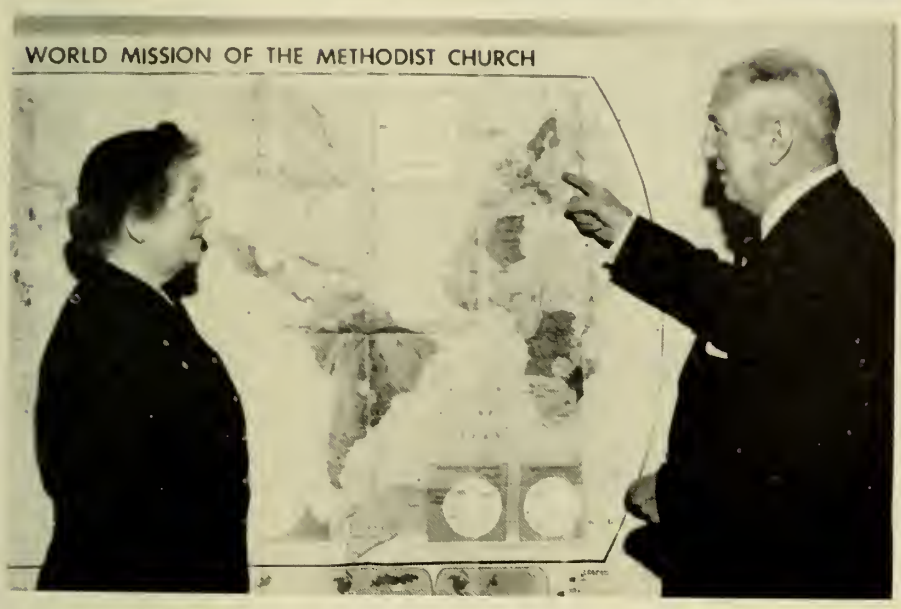
Make a 'Stained Glass Window'

IF YOUR mother has some waxed paper and you have some old, broken crayons, you can make a Christmas window that will really glow!

First, cut two pieces of waxed paper the same size. Put one of them, waxy-side up, on a newspaper-covered table. Then chip off tiny bits of red and green crayons over the paper. (You can also add glitter, string, or paper designs if you want.) Now cover up the crayon bits with the other piece of waxed paper, making sure its waxy side is facing downward.

Then ask Mom to press the papers with a slightly warm iron. The heat from the iron will cause the waxed papers to stick together and the crayons will melt and form pretty designs. When the design has cooled, tape it in a window with cellophane tape. At night the light from your home will cause the waxed paper to glow outside like a stained-glass window. You'll want to run out for a minute to see it yourself!

This is how waxed paper windows look to people outside at night—as pretty as a Christmas card! In just a few more years, Baby Sister will be old enough to make a window, too.



Bishop and Mrs. Newell return this month from a two-months tour of 11 European countries. Here he shows Mrs. Newell the site of an Austrian MCOR hostel he dedicated.

Two Conferences Planning United Evangelistic Mission

Preparations are being completed for a United Evangelistic Mission to be held in November and December by the New York East and Newark Conferences.

New York East ministers will visit the Newark churches from November 15 to November 20; and Newark men will work in the New York East churches from November 29 to December 4.

The dates of the mission in the Troy and New York Conferences have been changed from next spring to October 10-15 and October 24-29, 1959.

Tour Historic High Points

New York Methodists toured historic Five Points Mission October 21 at an open house preceding the annual meeting.

Mrs. Francis A. Holmes, board of managers ways and means chairman, was in charge of an inspection of the child care center, gymnasium, club rooms, library and sanctuary.

The Rev. Ralph M. Houston of Hempstead addressed the annual meeting with District Superintendent Elmer B. Bostock presiding.

New Faces in New Places in Area

The following is a list of appointments made in the New York Area within recent weeks by Bishop Newell and his cabinet:

New York East Conference: the Rev. Arthur Marshall, West Side Hill, Waterbury, Conn.; the Rev. Ralph L. Bickford, Willis Avenue, New York City; the Rev. William C. Carroll, Winsted, Conn.; the Rev. Burton Contrell, associate at South Church, Meriden; the Rev. John Heuchert, to supply New Haven.

New York Conference: the Rev. Theodore C. Rands, to supply Bellvale and Sugar Loaf; the Rev. Gerald R. Matthews, to supply Bloomville.

Newark Conference: the Rev. Philip S. Watters, Jr., to First Church, Arlington; the Rev. Bruce D. Rahtjen, to supply Bethany Church, Jersey City, as well as Brown Memorial at Jersey City; the Rev. John R. Bowering, assistant at Linden, N. J.; the Rev. Wesley Hougsted, Stillwater-Swartswood Charge; the Rev. Bolton Joyner, associate, Westside Church, Hoptacong, N. J.; the Rev. James M. Ault transferred to Troy Conference appointed to First Church, Pittsfield, Mass.

Troy Conference: the Rev. Harold W. Griffis, Trinity Church, Albany; the Rev. Clarence C. Winchell, First Church Albany; and the Rev. Hervey W. Brown, supply at Union Village, Vermont.

El Imparcial Photo

Special services marked the third anniversary of the beginning of the Spanish work at Broadway Temple-Washington Heights Church in New York City was marked with special services. Front from left are the Rev. Jorge Rivera, guest preacher; Efrain Cotto, vice-chairman of layman's committee on Spanish work; the Rev. Allen E. Claxton, pastor; and rear, the Rev. Manuel Figueroa, volunteer committee member; Hector Mojenas, visitation chairman; Mrs. Sara Hernandez, hospitality chairman; and Mrs. Martha Franklin, education committee chairman.

This Area 'Child' Getting a Home

In June 8, 1956, a newcomer was welcomed into the family of the New York District of the New York East Conference—a new Methodist church in Fairfield, Conn.

It began with 12 members and rented quarters in a school gymnasium with growing organizations finding meeting places in community buildings and private homes.

Two years later to the day, ground was broken for a building to house this growing child. The membership has grown to 404 and the church school numbers 200.

The first unit of the building will provide 12 classrooms, offices, a kitchen, and a chapel seating 300. The people have pledged about $75,000 of the $110,000 the building will cost.

The Rev. Donald S. Stacey, pastor, has written a graphic account of the vicissitudes encountered by the parish in planning and financing the building.

With the help of the conference church extension fund, a loan from the Board of Missions, and funds from first and second mortgages, $95,000 appeared to be available and the bids were opened hopefully, although any estimate of $100,000 was in the committee members' minds.

The high bid was $159,000 and the lowest $134,000!

Workmen raised a Christian flag to signal completion of repairs at Lee, Mass., First.

Drastic changes were made in the plans. A mortgage was obtained on the property of Grace Church in Bridgeport which had merged with the new congregation. It is firmly believed that new persons attached to the new church will help meet the financial obligations.

Natural oak woodwork will be used in the new educational building at Corinth, N. Y., to harmonize with the church interior. District Superintendent Walter J. Whitney of Glens Falls uses the trowel while Earnest Jones, left, building committee chairman, Dr. Bruce Seidmore; Beecher Carpenter, contractor and trustee; and the Rev. Milton M. Lavery, pastor, watch the proceedings with vital interest.

The Circuit Writer

The Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, cited by Duke University as "Dean of the American pulpit," started his 31st year October 5 as NBC's minister on National Radio Pulpit.

Vernon Stutzman, director of the Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, has been named president of the Hospital Council of Brooklyn, Long Island, and Staten Island.

Judge Herbert E. Henion of Sloatsburg, N. Y., Rockland County court judge and active Methodist layman, was one of the summer preachers at Sloatsburg, N. Y. church.

Five New York Area ministers have been invited to lead BOAC tours to Methodist places of historical interest in Europe next year. They are the Rev. Dr. Asbury G. E. Stromberg leaving May 29; the Rev. Arthur W. Goodhand, June 26; the Rev. Arnold O. Olson, July 3; the Rev. Dorland Russett, July 17; and the Rev. Stanley J. Hallett, October 2. Information about these and four other similar tours may be obtained from the area public relations office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Rev. Richard L. Francis of Flushing, N. Y., is giving a six-week course on lay visitation evangelism for the Queens Federation of Churches. It started October 6.

The Rev. and Mrs. Karl Quimby enjoyed the unique honor of being guests last summer of the British Methodist Conference in Newcastle, England. Dr. Quimby, who headed the preachers' exchange program for many years, was presented a resolution lettered on vellum and a silver salver. High praise was given Dr. Quimby in an extensive three-column article in the *Recorder*, official publication of the conference.

The Rev. George R. Bailey of First Church, Schenectady, N. Y., was one of eight clergymen of the three major faiths chosen to oversee the General Electric-union strike vote which lasted 30 consecutive hours.

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THE BISHOP WRITES

Ministers Made of Glass

The following meditation from hymn number 114 of *The Methodist Hymnal* was delivered at the 1958 sessions of the annual conferences and is presented here for the wider reading of our Methodist membership.

Thou robest in Thy splendor the simplest of men and helpest them to render light back to Thee again.

I suppose in some respects a minister ought to be made of glass—fragile, transparent, translucent, and reflective.

In a sense he should be fragile—that is he should be delicate enough to be sensitive to man's yearning need and God's yearning solicitude. He should be delicate.

Now, I fear some ministers are fragile in another sense. They seem to think of themselves as "les objets d'art"—ornamental to a great degree, a kind of curio or bric a brac, a bit ostentatious, and exceedingly fragile.

And in that sense all of us as ministers too easily submit to flattery and adulation. We enjoy being fawned upon—especially after our sermons. And some ministers are fragile in still another sense. They too easily splinter and crash and utterly fall to pieces. They are too brittle and fragile and delicate—a minister should be more than a work of art—an "objet d'art."

But ministers should be made of glass, and especially they should be transparent. I realize that many ministers' wives think this transparency business is carried too far by those congregations which seek to explore all the minister's actions and his wife's housekeeping propensities and the children's behavior. Now, of course, there are circumstances and conditions in the minister's life which are none of the business of the congregation. Yet the minister should be transparent. He should never be opaque, especially in his preaching.

An opaque preacher is a futility. The glass of which a minister is made must never be clouded or murky or impervious or smeared or dirty.

And the minister should be translucent. He should be like unto an exquisite stained glass window in a glorious cathedral through which the sunlight of God streams—and in so doing depicts and gives form and color to the body and being and glory of Christ.

Yes, a minister should be made of glass—fragile, transparent, translucent—but something more. A minister should be reflective. He should have a backing, an understanding and a comprehension sufficient to change him from a window pane through which people easily see into a mirror in which they can see themselves—and in which they can see God. A minister must acquire the power of reflection, to reflect the yearnings of his people to the heart of God—and to reflect the power and the yearning possessiveness of God to his people. A minister must be made of glass—fragile, transparent, translucent—having the power of reflection.

Thou robest in Thy splendor the simplest ways of men and helpest them to render light back to Thee again.

FREDERICK BUCKLEY NEWELL

Appoint Superintendent

New superintendent of the Albany District of the Troy Conference is the Rev. Charles Walter Kessler, pastor for the past eight years of First Church, Pittsfield, Mass.

Dr. Kessler

He succeeds the Rev. Harold W. Griffis who has been named minister of Trinity Church, Albany.

Dr. Kessler was educated at Asbury College, McGill University and Union Theological Seminary and holds three honorary degrees.

Honor Judicial Council

Members of the Judicial Council, holding their first New York City meeting October 16-18, were guests of honor at a New York Area dinner at Christ Church. Newburgh District Superintendent John Pearson was chairman and Bishop Herbert Welch presided. The members were introduced by the Rev. Ralph Houston of Hempstead, N. Y., secretary.

J. Ernest Wilkins, president of the Council, and Paul Williams, former U. S. district attorney, Southern District of New York, were speakers.

Centenary Enrollment Up

Centenary College at Hackettstown, N. J., has announced an enrollment of 546 students, largest in its history.

The students include young women from 28 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iran, England, Ecuador, the Philippines and West Pakistan.

College officials have also announced the appointment of five new teachers and the election of a new trustee.

The Rev. Otto C. Nelson, pastor of the Waldwick (N. J.) Church has been named to the board of trustees. He is a Drew alumnus.

Clergy Boycotts Traditional Racing Parade

When Saratoga Springs officials staged the traditional parade to escort the first racing horse of the season to the track the clergy of the city was conspicuously absent.

The Rev. Howard Stimmel of Saratoga Springs, an implacable foe of race track gambling, reports that he and others declined to participate in the parade.

"The large car labeled 'clergy' was in the parade, but the chauffeur was the only occupant," says Mr. Stimmel.

80-Year Record

Miss Minnie Mott of Centerport, N. Y., has now completed the astonishing record of 80 years of perfect church-school attendance. She was secretary of the church school for 50 years.

Plans for the new Bethel Home, Ossining were viewed by a Community Services to the Aged subcommittee, a unit of the New York State Legislature. From left to right are Charles E. Burden, assistant to Bethel president; Edwin H. Wimperis, president; Assemblyman John E. Johnson, chairman of the committee; Senator John P. Morrissey; John A. Ruskowski; Senator Frank E. Von Lave; Mrs. Burden; Assemblyman Hyman E. Mintz, and the committee director, Albert J. Abrams.

Camera Catches Area Scenes

Thirty-three years of service to the Ridgewood, N. J., church, the past 29 as treasurer of the board of trustees, are marked here by the presentation of a gift to Charles F. Watson, right by Leonard S. Marshman. Looking on during the ceremony is Superintendent Harold N. Smith.

Ready to start their careers as nurses are these four attractive graduates of the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn. Reading from left they are Phyllis T. DuMond of Endicott, N. Y., Kathleen E. Keiling of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., Jean E. Burrowes of Baldwin, N. Y.

Paterson Evening News

An enrollment of 141 children from 4 to 15 years of age attended the third annual vacation church school of the Passaic Valley Methodist Parish at Trinity Church, Paterson, N. J. An average of 90 youngsters attended the daily sessions during the school.

—Photograph by Mrs. Lester J. Byers, Knoxville, Iowa.

Thanksgiving: Grandma's Day

Not so many Thanksgivings ago, daughter's tousled head came barely even with the table top. Now she's grown, and quite a cook herself. But this day—of all days in the kitchen—is strictly Grandma's. That big, white-breasted turkey, the juicy red cranberries, the aromatic dressing, and giblet gravy call for wisdom, a seasoning, a touch, a just-rightness—and a taste—that Grandma has acquired to perfection over many Thanksgivings. As this family bow their heads, they have much to be grateful for — including Grandma!

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